

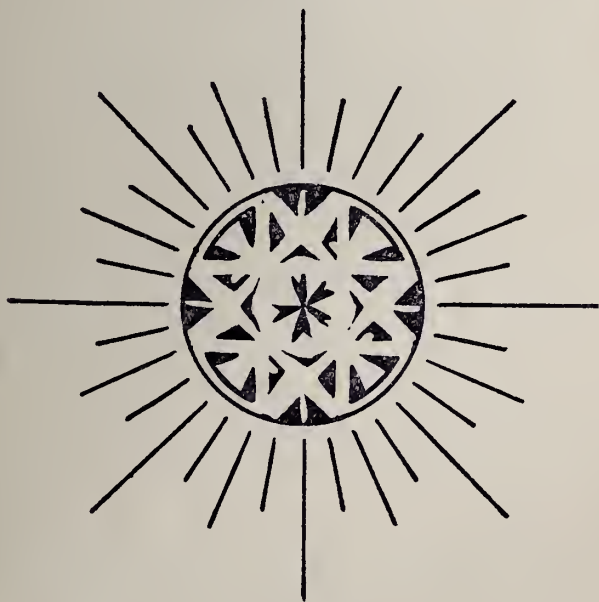
Fourteenth Annual Report

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

# Woman's Society Of Christian Service

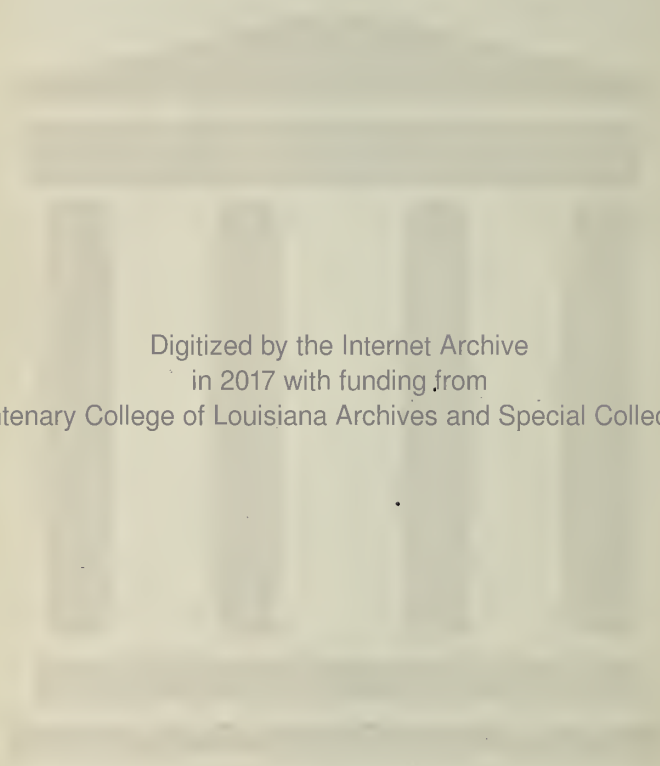
The Methodist Church

DIAMOND



JUBILEE

1953-54



Digitized by the Internet Archive  
in 2017 with funding from  
Centenary College of Louisiana Archives and Special Collections

**FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT**

of the

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**

**WOMAN'S SOCIETY**

**OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

and

**WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD**

of the

**METHODIST CHURCH**



**NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

**MARCH 24-26, 1954**



**EDITED BY:**

**MRS. ELMER E. STEWART, Chairman**

**MRS. GLENN E. LASKEY**

**MRS. F. E. KENNON**

**MRS. LEE TIDWELL**

**MRS. MINZA RABUN**



**MISS MARGARET WADE CAMPBELL**

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney M. Campbell of Alexandria, Louisiana, is a 1954 graduate of Centenary College. She is a three year volunteer and will teach English and hand craft in the Social Center, Monterrey, Mexico.





**MISS POLLY ANN GEMAR**

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gemar, formerly of Baton Rouge, but now of La Grange, Texas, was commissioned a US-2 Missionary August 28, 1953. Polly Ann is a 1953 graduate of Louisiana State University, where she was active in the Wesley Foundation, and was a member of University Church, Baton Rouge. She is now a member of the staff at Wesley Community House, 1011 Elysian Street, Houston, Texas.

**WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

**of the**

**BOARD OF MISSIONS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**

150 Fifth Avenue, New York, 11, N. Y.

---

**OFFICERS**

**President**

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks ..... Mount Vernon, Iowa

**Vice-President**

Mrs. Paul Arrington ..... 1735 Piedmont St., Jackson, Miss.

**Vice-President**

Chairman of Department of Work in Foreign Fields

Mrs. Charles E. Wegner ..... 1765 Arona Ave., St. Paul, Miss.

**Vice-President**

Chairman of Department of Work in Home Fields

Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver ..... Winona Lake, Indiana

**Vice-President**

Chairman of Department of Christian Social Relations  
and Local Church Activities

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman ..... R. F. D. 1, Lewisburg, Tenn.

**Recording Secretary**

Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins ..... 1059 Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago 15, Ill.

**Treasurer**

Miss Henrietta Gibson ..... 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, 11, N. Y.

**Assistant Treasurer**

Miss Marguerite Harris ..... 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, 11, N. Y.

**Assistant Treasurers for Departments**

Miss Hazel M. Best (Foreign) ..... 150 Fifth Ave., New York, 11, N. Y.

Miss Marguerite Hawkins (Home) - 150 Fifth Ave., New York, 11, N. Y.

**OFFICERS**  
of  
**SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION**  
**WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

President \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr.  
3655 Piping Rock Lane, Houston, 19, Texas

Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Harold L. Soulen  
204 Crescent Blvd., Hutchinson, Kansas

Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey  
Ruston, Louisiana

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Wayne Harrington  
40 Arbor Heights, York, Nebraska

**Secretaries**

Foreign Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. E. H. Farmer  
405 Market St., Glasgow, Missouri

Home Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. M. L. Norris  
1201 Sheridan St., Clovis, New Mexico

Promotion \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. C. L. Strech  
520 El Paraiso Dr., N. W., Albuquerque, N. M.

Missionary Education and Service \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Virgil Neely  
2248 N. W. 19th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Christian Social Relations and  
Local Church Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Earl D. Cotton  
2023 Schiller St., Little Rock, Arkansas

Wesleyan Service Guild \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gertie Stiles  
707 N. Greenwood, Ft. Smith, Arkansas

Student Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Forrest A. Fields  
2125 Gatewood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Youth Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. O. Ray Cook  
211 S. Taylor St., El Dorado, Kansas

Children's Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Neill Hart  
314 Summit, El Dorado, Arkansas

Literature and Publications \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. W. F. Cooley  
Russellville, Arkansas

Supply Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar  
7272 Canal Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana

Spiritual Life Cultivation \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Forest E. Dudley  
Box 556, Pittsburg, Texas

Status of Women \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Lauren L. Plummer  
2762 Haskell, Kansas City, Kansas

Missionary Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Kenneth McGill  
Canton, Kansas

Research \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. J. C. Davis  
1065 Wall St., St. Louis, Missouri

# **OFFICERS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

President \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. C. I. Jones  
6215 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana

Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick  
P. O. Box 88, Shreveport, Louisiana

Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Elmer E. Stewart  
254 Forest Ave., Shreveport, Louisiana

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. J. H. McSween  
P. O. Box 1908, Alexandria, Louisiana

## **Secretaries**

Promotion \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Lee Tidwell  
655 Robinson Place, Shreveport, Louisiana

Missionary Education and Service \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Robley W. Davis  
Gilliam, Louisiana

Christian Social Relations and  
Local Church Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait  
6101 Louisville, New Orleans, Louisiana

Wesleyan Service Guild \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Minza Rabun  
504 Jackson St., Bastrop, Louisiana

Student Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. D. W. Poole  
P. O. Box 436, Lafayette, Louisiana

Youth Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. J. T. Folk  
108 Bonner St., Ruston, Louisiana

Children's Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. S. E. Richardson  
Old Boyce Rd., Alexandria, Louisiana

Literature and Publications \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Wideman Watson  
720 West Main St., Homer, Louisiana

Supply Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. George E. Powell  
2456 Hill St., Alexandria, Louisiana

Spiritual Life Cultivation \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. W. W. Paxton  
709 Ford St., Lake Charles, Louisiana

Status of Women \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. W. A. Barnwell  
111 Archer St., Shreveport, Louisiana

Missionary Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. James T. Harris  
501 Hilton St., Monroe, Louisiana

## **DEACONESSES AND WORKERS UNDER THE WOMAN'S DIVISION WITHIN LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**

Miss Ann Adams, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La.  
Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, Sager Brown Home and Godman School, Baldwin.  
Miss Hazel Cooper, Business Girls' Inn, 814 Cotton St., Shreveport, La.  
Miss Fae L. Daves, St. Marks' Community Center, 1130 North Rampart,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.  
Miss Carolyn Gresham, St. Marks' Community Center, 1130 North Ram-  
part St., New Orleans, Louisiana.  
Miss Pearlye Maye Kelley, Box 34, Tech Sta., Ruston, Louisiana.  
Rev. Robert Parrott, Box 220, S. L. I. Sta., Lafayette, Louisiana.  
Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Rural Work, Box 4156, Shreveport, La.  
Mrs. Pearl Turnbull, Peoples Community Center, 2019 Simon Bolivar,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.



## SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION AND WOMAN'S DIVISION MEMBERS RESIDING IN LOUISIANA

Mrs. George W. Dameron, Member of Board of Missions, Jonesboro, Louisiana.  
 Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Recording Secretary, South Central Jurisdiction, Ruston, Louisiana.  
 Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Secretary of Supply Work, South Central Jurisdiction, 7272 Canal Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana.

### CONFERENCE DELEGATES TO SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION WOMAN'S SOCIETY

(Elected by office)  
 Mrs. C. I. Jones  
 Mrs. Lee Tidwell

Mrs. J. H. McSween  
 Three to be elected  
 by name

#### Alternates

Mrs. E. E. Stewart

Mrs. J. T. Folk

Two to be elected

### MISSIONARIES FROM LOUISIANA AT WORK IN THE FOREIGN FIELD

Miss Elma Ashby, R.N., P. B. 636 E. Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.  
 Miss Margaret Wade Campbell, Centro Social, Apurtado 446, Monterrey, Mexico.  
 Miss Clara Chalmers—on leave—413 Hilary St., New Orleans, La.  
 Miss Gretchen Elston, Kwassui Junior College, Nagasaki, Japan.  
 Miss Charlie Hampton, Seibi Gakuin, 124 Maita Machi, Yokahama, Japan.  
 Miss Martha Fay White, Hiroshima Girls' School, Hiroshima, Japan.

### DEACONESSES AND CONTRACT WORKERS IN THE HOME FIELD

Miss Emma Burris, Board of Missions, 150 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.  
 Miss Polly Gemar, Wesley Community House, 1011 Elysian St., Houston, Texas.  
 Miss Ora Hooper, Erie School, Olive Hill, Kentucky.  
 Miss Sophia Kuntz, Methodist Community House, 315 N. Baldridge, Montgomery, Alabama.  
 Miss Shelia Nuttall, South Mississippi Rural Work, Box 324, Yazoo City, Mississippi.  
 Miss Willie May Porter, First Methodist Church, LaGrange, Illinois.  
 Miss Arline Tyler—on leave—2407 Gilbert St., Shreveport, La.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Spiritual Life:

Mrs. W. W. Paxton                      Mrs. Guy M. Hicks  
 The Eight District Spiritual Life Cultivation Secretaries

#### Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities:

Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait              Mrs. C. I. Jones  
 The Eight District Secretaries of Christian Social Relations

#### School of Missions and Christian Service:

Mrs. Robley Davis                      Mrs. Lee Tidwell  
 Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait              Mrs. Minza Rabun  
 Mrs. W. W. Paxton                      Mrs. Wideman Watson  
 Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick                      Mrs. G. W. Dameron

#### Study and Action:

Mrs. Robley Davis                      Mrs. W. W. Paxton  
 Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait              Mrs. Minza Rabun

**Finance:**

Mrs. J. H. McSween	Mrs. C. I. Jones
Mrs. Lee Tidwell	Mrs. Minza Rabun
Mrs. Robley Davis	Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait

The Eight District Treasurers

**Status of Women:**

Mrs. W. A. Barnwell	Mrs. Wideman Watson
---------------------	---------------------

The Eight District Secretaries of Status of Women

**Missionary Personnel:**

Mrs. James Harris	Mrs. Minza Rabun
Mrs. C. I. Jones	Mrs. D. W. Poole
Mrs. Lee Tidwell	Mrs. J. T. Folk

**Constitution and By-Laws:**

Mrs. S. E. Richardson	Mrs. E. E. Stewart
Mrs. S. J. Fairchild	Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick
Mrs. George E. Powell	

**Research:**

Mrs. D. C. Metcalf	Mrs. W. A. Barnwell
--------------------	---------------------

The Eight District Secretaries of Promotion

**Annual Report:**

Mrs. E. E. Stewart	Mrs. J. H. McSween
Mrs. Lee Tidwell	Mrs. Minza Rabun
Mrs. C. I. Jones	

**Visiting Institutions:**

Mrs. George E. Powell	Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar
Mrs. Lee Tidwell	Mrs. J. H. McSween

**Wesleyan Service Guild:**

Mrs. Minza Rabun	Mrs. C. I. Jones
Mrs. J. H. McSween	Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Mrs. George E. Powell	Mrs. Wideman Watson

**Delegates to Legislative Council:**

Mrs. J. W. Worthington	Mrs. C. I. Jones
Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait	

**Louisiana Rural Advisory Committee:**

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Chairman	
Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait	Dr. Virgil D. Morris
Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar	Mrs. Minza Rabun
Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey	Rev. Robert Carter
Mrs. C. I. Jones	Rev. L. E. Douglas
Mrs. J. H. McSween	Dr. Bentley Sloane
Dr. Mary Mims	

Miss Marjorie Minkler, Ex-Officio

**CALENDAR**

1954 - 1955

**June**

New WSCS fiscal year begins  
 Pledge and budget made for year  
 Pledge reported to District Promotion Secretaries and District Treasurers  
 Hold Officers' Training Day in local societies and zones  
 Plan to enlist every church-woman as a member

**July**

Jurisdiction School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah—June 29 to July 6  
 Order program and worship books "Except the Lord Keep the City"; also "My Date Book" and "The New Prayer Calendar" and new Handbooks for the Treasurer, for the Secretary of Literature and Publications.  
 Local Treasurers' first quarter reports due District Treasurer, July 20  
 Guild Week-end, July 30, 31 and August 1



**August**

School of Missions and Pastors' School, Centenary College,  
Shreveport, August 2-6  
Local officers make out reports for Secretary of Promotion  
to mail August 31

**September**

Eight District Missionary Education Seminars  
Begin Study, "The City"  
Order material for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial

**October**

Continue study, "The City"  
Mid-year Executive Committee meeting, Haas Memorial  
Church, Bunkie, La., October 13, 14, 15  
Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, October 25-30  
Plan observance of United Nations Day, October 24  
Local Treasurers' second quarter reports due the District  
Treasurer, October 20

**November**

Local officers make out reports for Secretary of Promotion  
to mail November 30  
Begin Mission Study, "India, Pakistan and Ceylon"

**December**

Plan Special membership month  
Observe Student Recognition Day, December 26

**1955****January**

Plan recognition service for new members  
Focus attention on goals and indicate progress  
Cooperate with Pastor in church-wide study, 'Crowded  
Ways"  
Local Treasurers' third quarter reports due District Treas-  
urer, January 20

**February**

Elect a committee on nominations  
Day Apart service held during Lent  
World Day of Prayer, February 25  
Local officers make out reports for Secretary of Promotion  
to mail, February 28

**March**

Election of local society officers and Delegates to Confer-  
ence  
Send a list of local society officers to District Secretary of  
Promotion  
Annual meeting of WSCS, Lake Charles Church, Lake  
Charles, La., March 16, 17, 18  
Wesleyan Service Guild Annual Meeting, Lake Charles,  
La., March 19 and 20

**April**

Pledge paid in full  
Annual District Meetings  
Begin study, "Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women,"  
Easter Sunday, April 10  
Local Treasurers' fourth quarter reports due District Treas-  
urer April 20

**May**

Install officers  
Pledge service for new year  
Check goals for completion of year's work  
All officers give report of year's work  
Make plans for Officers' Training Day  
Continue study, "Jesus Teachings Concerning Women"  
Local officers make out annual reports for Secretary of  
Promotion to mail May 31

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT OFFICERS

1954 - 55

President—Mrs. Warren Constant, Bunkie, La.

Vice-President—Mrs. R. C. Bowers, Colfax, La.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. A. J. Hanson, 1604 Henry St., Pineville, La.

Treasurer—Mrs. W. L. Kirkpatrick, Winnfield, La.

### Secretaries:

Promotion—Mrs. C. W. Tebow, Bunkie, La.

Missionary Education and Service—Mrs. Philip Stanly, Bunkie, La.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities — Mrs. C. C. Dethloff, 1321 Williams Ave., Natchitoches, La.

Wesleyan Service Guild—Mrs. Neva Rye, 712 Twenty-First Street, Alexandria, La.

Student Work—Mrs. B. A. Futrell, Colfax, La.

Youth Work—Mrs. E. J. Barksdale, 310 Sixth Ave., Oakdale, La.

Children's Work—Mrs. L. P. Rabalais, Rt. 2, Box 8, Pineville, La.

Literature and Publications—Mrs. B. E. Thibodeaux, Box 142, Elizabeth, La.

Supply Work—Mrs. H. W. Gates, Elmer, La.

Spiritual Life—Mrs. H. V. Dunford, Winnfield, La.

Status of Women—Mrs. T. A. Bradford, Jena, La.

Missionary Personnel—Mrs. J. S. Mitchell, 1314 Williams Ave., Natchitoches, La.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT OFFICERS

1954 - 55

President—Mrs. W. E. Trice, 1537 Pickett, Baton Rouge, La.

Vice-President—Mrs. C. B. McGowan, 2081 Ferndale, Baton Rouge, La.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. O. Munson, Baker, La.

Treasurer—Mrs. R. O. Coopender, 2038 Lee Dr., Baton Rouge 15, La.

### Secretaries:

Promotion—Mrs. T. M. Ellis, 2821 Brady, Baton Rouge, La.

Missionary Education & Service—Mrs. Frank Peabody, 2864 Jackson Ave., Baton Rouge, La.

Christian Social Relations & L. C. A.—Mrs. A. O. Buckingham, Bogalusa, La.

Wesleyan Service Guild—Miss Lillian Kennedy, 5545 Jackson, Ave., Baton Rouge, La.

Student Work—Mrs. Ed Courtney, 505 N. Spruce, Hammond, La.

Youth Work—Mrs. J. R. Oldham, Rt. 1, Baton Rouge, La.

Children's Work—

Literature & Publications—Mrs. L. S. Raub, Box 449, College Station, Hammond, La.

Supply Work—Mrs. Gardner Adams, Bogalusa, Louisiana

Spiritual Life Cultivation—Mrs. W. R. Irving, 1411 Audubon, Baton Rouge, La.

Status of Women—Mrs. R. E. Watson, St. Francisville, La.

Missionary Personnel—Mrs. E. W. Harris, 1003 Government St., Baton Rouge, La.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

President—Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Rt. 2, Crowley, La.

Vice-President—Mrs. T. A. Cockram, 722 Lafayette St., Lafayette, La.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Albert L. LeMaire, P. O. Box 402, New Iberia, La.

Treasurer—Mrs. Paul W. Lasseigne, Rayne, La.

### Secretaries:

Promotion—Mrs. George H. Thomas, 1228 Myrtle St., Lafayette, La.

Missionary Education—Mrs. E. R. Haug, 922 Main St., Franklin, La.

Christian Social Relations—Mrs. R. E. Walton, 1116 N. Lombard St., Opelousas, La.

Wesleyan Service Guild—Miss Marilyn Carter, New Iberia, La.

Student Work—Mrs. Robert L. Stephan, 229 Dumeath, Lafayette, La.

Youth Work—Mrs. Merlin Keenze, P. O. Box 226, Franklin, La.

Children's Work—Mrs. J. G. Sadler, 1110 Federal Ave., Morgan City, La.

Literature and Publications—Mrs. W. B. Barnhill, Box 465,  
Church Point, La.

Supply Work—Mrs. John S. Dowling, 430 W. South St., Opelousas, La.

Spiritual Life—Mrs. M. S. White, P. O. Box 58, New Iberia, La.

Status of Women—Mrs. Albert Ramke, Rt. 3, Box 93A, Abbeville, La.

Missionary Personnel—Mrs. D. B. Boddie, 710 Jefferson Blvd.,  
Lafayette, La.

#### **LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT OFFICERS**

President—Mrs. Robert Compton, Route 1, Box 60B, Elton, La.

Vice-President—Mrs. Joe Seman, Iowa, La.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Elvin Daigle, 619 S. Stanford St., Sulphur,  
Louisiana

Treasurer—Mrs. A. J. McGrede, 123 S. Division, De Ridder, La.

##### **Secretaries:**

Promotion—Mrs. Roy Dugas, Iowa, La.

Missionary Education and Service—Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., 711 Irvin St.,  
Sulphur, La.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities—Mrs. S. T.  
Spates, 117 Garden St., Maplewood, La.

Wesleyan Service Guild—Miss Helen Adams, Box 839, Lake Charles, La.

Student Work—Mrs. R. L. Haines, 920 Eleventh St., Lake Charles, La.

Youth Work—Mrs. J. L. Chargois, Vinton, La.

Children's Work—Mrs. E. A. Doland, Box 698, Lake Arthur, La.

Literature and Publications—Mrs. J. H. McCartney, 665 Sixth St., Lake  
Charles, La.

Supply Work—Mrs. Normand Terry, 312 Pecan St., DeDidder, La.

Spiritual Life—Mrs. Carl Lueg, 720 Broad St., Lake Charles, La.

Status of Women—Mrs. J. W. Lowery, 102 East Beech St., Maplewood,  
Louisiana

Missionary Personnel—Mrs. Robert Crichlow, 321 Alice St., Jennings,  
Louisiana

#### **MONROE DISTRICT**

President—Mrs. E. N. Jackson, 209 Roselawn, Monroe, La.

Vice-President—Mrs. H. F. Boyd, 1016 Georgia St., Monroe, La.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Harold Hunt, 2314 South Grand St., Mon-  
roe, La.

Treasurer—Miss Juanita Porter, 1408 Jackson St., Monroe, La.

##### **Secretaries:**

Promotion—Mrs. W. T. Reynolds, Winnsboro, La.

Missionary Education and Service—Mrs. D. F. Davis, Lake Providence,  
Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities—Mrs. C. R.

Brown, Lake Providence, La.

Wesleyan Service Guild—Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, 725 Van Ave., Bastrop, La.

Student Work—Mrs. E. R. Timmerman, 3105 South Grand, Monroe, La.

Youth Work—Mrs. Lorenz Teer, Delhi, La.

Children's Work—Mrs. Chas. Chisholm, 811 Trenton St.,  
West Monroe, La.

Literature and Publications—

Supply Work—Mrs. E. E. James, Route 5, Rayville, La.

Status of Women—Mrs. L. B. Ganaway, Sterlington, La.

Spiritual Life Cultivation—Mrs. S. E. Cathey, 320 Ogden St., Bastrop,

Missionary Personnel—Mrs. James T. Harris, 501 Hilton St., Monroe, La.

#### **NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT OFFICERS**

1954 - 1955

President—Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, 5403 Spain St., New Orleans, La.

Vice-President—Mrs. C. H. Bauer, 56 Tokalon Place, New Orleans, La.

Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Cook, 4330 Elba St., New Orleans, La.

Treasurer—Mrs. G. Wray Gill, 7930 Jeannette St., New Orleans, La.

##### **Secretaries:**

Promotion—Mrs. G. O. Willis, 722 Anson St., Gretna, La.

Missionary Education and Service—Mrs. J. E. Manis, 5101 St. Anthony  
St., New Orleans, La.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities—Mrs. A. F. Hanson, Apt. F-6, 4132 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La.  
 Wesleyan Service Guild—Miss Margaret McGowan, 4468 Music St., New Orleans, La.  
 Student Work—Mrs. Henry Walther, Jr., 404 North Line, New Orleans, La.  
 Youth Work—Mrs. Julius Corkern, 4439 Baccich St., New Orleans, La.  
 Children's Work—Mrs. A. S. Hurley, 2023 Milan St., New Orleans, La.  
 Literature and Publications—Miss Maria Soto, 1422 Constantinople, New Orleans, La.  
 Supply Work—Mrs. Carl Gallaher, 6559 Louisville St., New Orleans, La.  
 Spiritual Life Cultivation—Mrs. J. T. Redmon, 700 Jefferson Pk. West, New Orleans, La.  
 Status of Women—Mrs. Robert Thomas, Box 1094, Chalmette, La.  
 Missionary Personnel—

## RUSTON DISTRICT

President—Mrs. Otis Welch, Lisbon, Louisiana  
 Vice-President—Mrs. W. Stewart Deas, Arcadia, Louisiana  
 Recording Secretary—Mrs. Malcolm Hood, Simsboro, Louisiana  
 Treasurer—Mrs. Marvin Stevens, Ruston, Louisiana  
**Secretaries:**  
 Promotion—Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., 1305 N. Trenton St., Ruston, La.  
 Missionary Education and Service—Mrs. J. J. Briehn, Jonesboro, La.  
 Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities—Mrs. Lavelle Perryman, Dubberly, Louisiana  
 Wesleyan Service Guild—Miss Sue Batton, Minden, La.  
 Student Work—Mrs. Charles Kendrick, 624 E. College St., Homer, La.  
 Youth Work—Mrs. J. D. Brown, Minden, La.  
 Children's Work—Mrs. J. A. McDaniel, Downs ville, Louisiana  
 Literature and Publications—Mrs. Frank Taylor, Haynesville, La.  
 Supply Work—Mrs. J. R. Bevell, Haynesville, Louisiana  
 Spiritual Life Cultivation—Mrs. G. R. Weaver, Ringgold, La.  
 Status of Women—Mrs. Leslie Hamner, Gibsland, La.  
 Missionary Personnel—Mrs. E. L. McDonald, Minden, La.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

President—Mrs. M. G. Bryant, Vivian, Louisiana  
 Vice-President—Mrs. Jack Toombs, Vivian, Louisiana  
 Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. A. Black, 3315 Fulton St., Shreveport, La.  
 Treasurer—Mrs. A. J. Voigt, 617 Oak Hill Drive, Shreveport, La.  
**Secretaries:**  
 Promotion—Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Box 136, Rodessa, Louisiana  
 Missionary Education—Mrs. J. T. Bundrick, Route 1 Box 338, Shreveport, Louisiana  
 Christian and Social Relations—Mrs. J. S. Segura, Sr., 407 Franklin St., Mansfield, Louisiana  
 Wesleyan Service Guild—Miss Arline Tyler, 2407 Gilbert St., Shreveport, Louisiana  
 Spiritual Life—Mrs. R. N. Baker, 2935 Quinton St., Shreveport, La.  
 Student Work—Mrs. W. P. Givens, 547 Broadmoor Blvd., Shreveport, La.  
 Youth Work—Mrs. Glenn Phares, Many, Louisiana  
 Children's Work—Mrs. J. Howard Williams, 2938 West College St., Shreveport, La.  
 Literature & Publications—Mrs. H. Rayburn, 3120 Alabama St., Shreveport, Louisiana  
 Supply Work—Mrs. M. F. Smith, Rodessa, Louisiana  
 Status of Women—Mrs. Leon D. Salter, 2447 Coral Street, Shreveport, Louisiana  
 Missionary Personnel—Miss Tennie V. Severtson, 342 Egan St., Shreveport, Louisiana



## HISTORICAL DATA

At the quadrennial session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 23, 1878, authority was granted for the organization of the women of the church into Missionary Societies, locally and by Conferences.

Acting under this authority, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during the session of the Annual Conference, which began on December 19, 1879. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Mary Kingsley Read, and she was elected the first president.

A year later the Conference Society reported eight Auxiliaries with 196 members. At this early date little program or promotional material was available, so the first few years presented great difficulties for the infant organization. No authentic records of the first four years are known to exist.

On June 7, 1884, the Conference Society met in Mansfield, and the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Keatchie  
 Vice-President—Miss Eliza Logan, Mansfield  
 Vice-President—Mrs. Sue R. Wren, Homer  
 Vice-President—Mrs. Robert Randle, Trenton  
 Vice-President—Mrs. Wm. H. Foster, New Orleans  
 Vice-President—Mrs. J. N. Pharr, Opelousas  
 Vice-President—Mrs. M. C. Thrasher, Atlanta  
 Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Claiborne J. Foster, Shreveport  
 Treasurer—Mrs. S. B. McCutchen, Shreveport  
 Recording Secretary—Miss Lizzie Paxson, Keatchie

These consecrated women served long and well.

This year, 1954, marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of Woman's Work in Louisiana.

Following is a list of the presidents of the several organizations which, combined, have formed the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Conference meeting places, and the dates:

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President	Meeting Place	Date
Mrs. Mary K. Read, Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	1879
Mrs. Mary K. Read, Baton Rouge	New Orleans	1880
Mrs. Mary K. Read, Baton Rouge		1881-'82-'83
Mrs. Mary K. Read, Baton Rouge	Mansfield	1884
Mrs. Thos. P. Fullilove, Keatchie	Minden	1885
Mrs. Thos. P. Fullilove, Keatchie	Mansfield	1886
Mrs. Thos. P. Fullilove, Keatchie	Ruston	1887
Mrs. Thos. P. Fullilove, Keatchie	Alexandria	1888
Mrs. Thos. P. Fullilove, Keatchie	Delhi	1889
Mrs. Thos. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Baton Rouge	1890
Mrs. Thos. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Shreveport	1891
Mrs. Thos. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Keatchie	1892
Mrs. Thos. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Grand Cane	1893
Mrs. Thos. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	LeCompte	1894
Mrs. Thos. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Crowley	1895
Mrs. Thos. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Mansfield	1896
Mrs. Thos. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Homer	1897
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Opelousas	1898
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Minden	1899
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Shreveport	1900
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Monroe	1901
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	N. Orleans, Rayne Mem.	1902
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Bunkie	1903
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Opelousas	1904
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Ruston	1905
Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans	Alexandria	1906

Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans	Lake Charles	1907
Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans	Shreveport	1908
Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans	Monroe	1909
Mrs. W. W. Carre, New Orleans	Alexandria	1910

The Woman's Missionary Society and the Home Mission Society united.

\* \* \*

# **WOMAN'S PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY ORGANIZED 1891**

Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans	Felicity St. Ch., N. O.	1893
Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans	Louisiana Ave., N. O.	1894
Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans	New Iberia	1895
Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans	Ruston	1896
Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans	New Orleans	1897
Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans	Lafayette	1898
Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans	Alexandria	1899
Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans	Shreveport	1900
Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans	Ruston	1901
Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans	Mer Rouge	1902
Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans	Crowley	1903
Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans	Alexandria	1904
Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans	Shreveport	1905
Mrs. F. A. Lyons, New Orleans	Baton Rouge	1906
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette	Lafayette	1907
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette	Minden	1908
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette	Mansfield	1909
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette	New Orleans	1910

Societies united forming Woman's Missionary Society, 1911

Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette	Monroe	1911
Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport	Natchitoches	1912
Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport	Baton Rouge	1913
Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport	Rayville	1914
Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport	New Orleans	1915
Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport	Ruston	1916
Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans	Crowley	1917
Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans	Shreveport	1918
Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans	Mansfield	1919
Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans	Lake Charles	1920
Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans	Baton Rouge	1921
Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans	DeRidder	1922
Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans	Monroe	1923
Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans	Bogalusa	1924
Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans	Alexandria	1925
Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans	Homer	1926
Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans	Mansfield	1927
Mrs. V. H. Spinks, Ruston	New Orleans	1928
Mrs. V. H. Spinks, Ruston	Ruston	1929
Mrs. V. H. Spinks, Ruston	Lake Charles	1930
Mrs. S. M. Collins, Monroe	Baton Rouge	1931
Mrs. S. M. Collins, Monroe	Shreveport	1932
Mrs. Geo. S. Sexton, Jr., Shreveport	Monroe	1933
Mrs. Geo. S. Sexton, Jr., Shreveport	New Orleans	1934
Mrs. Geo. S. Sexton, Jr., Shreveport	DeRidder	1935
Mrs. Geo. S. Sexton, Jr., Shreveport	Alexandria	1936
Mrs. Geo. S. Sexton, Jr., Shreveport	Homer-Haynesville	1937
Mrs. Geo. S. Sexton, Jr., Shreveport	Baton Rouge	1938
Mrs. Geo. S. Sexton, Jr., Shreveport	Lake Charles	1939
Mrs. Geo. S. Sexton, Jr., Shreveport	New Orleans	1940

With the union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, the name of the Woman's organization was changed to:



**"The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church"**

The Charter meeting was held in Alexandria, October 23, 1940, with Mrs. Geo. S. Sexton elected the first president.

Mrs. Geo. S. Sexton, Shreveport	Shreveport	1941
Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Alexandria	Ruston	1942
Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Alexandria	Monroe	1943
Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Alexandria	Crowley	1944
Due to war time travel restrictions no annual session.		1945
Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Alexandria	Baton Rouge	1946
Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston	Lake Charles	1947
Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston	First Ch. Shreveport	1948
Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston	Alexandria	1949
Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston	Ruston	1950
Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston	Monroe	1951
Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston	Lafayette	1952
Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston	Baton Rouge	1953
Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston	N. Orleans, Rayne Mem.	1954

**SOCIETIES ORGANIZED BEFORE 1900**

First	Date	Society President	Organized
Alexandria, First Church		Mrs. L. B. Baynard	Before 1884
Boyce		Mrs. O. E. Grant	1898
Bunkie	Appears in	Treasurer's Report	1890
LeCompte		Mrs. A. C. Collins	Before 1894
Opelousas		Mrs. L. J. Thompson	1879
Pineville		Mrs. T. F. Felker	1888
Robeline	(Probably)	Mrs. C. A. Freeman	1884
Baton Rouge, First		Mrs. Mary K. Read	1879
Hammond		Mrs. J. W. Duggins	1898
Lake Charles, First		Mrs. Ora Moss Reames	1900
New Iberia			1886
Rayne			1886
Mer Rouge		Mrs. A. M. Renwick	1893
Oak Ridge			1881
Canal St., N. O.		Mrs. Koski	1900
Carrollton, N. O.		Mrs. J. Cohan	1899
Donaldsonville		Mrs. W. H. Cary	1890
Felicity St., N. O.		Mrs. W. H. Foster	1873
Morgan City		Mrs. J. A. Pharr	1895
Napoleon Ave., N. O.		Mrs. Emma Beckroe	1873
Parker Memorial, N. O.		Mrs. G. D. Holmes	1895
Rayne Memorial, N. O.		Mrs. Robert Rayne	1877
Arcadia	Misses Butler	& Smith reported	1887
Summerfield		Appears in report	1885
Downsville		Appears in report	1885
Doyline		Appears in report	1887
Colquitt		Appears in report	1886
Homer		Mrs. J. K. Willett	1883
Arizona		Appears in report	1889
Minden, First (Probably)		Mrs. J. J. Billingsley	1884
Ruston, Trinity		Mrs. Susan Faulk	1884
Grand Cane		Mrs. E. E. Crawford	1884
Greenwood		Mrs. J. I. Schumpert	1883
Mansfield		Mrs. Laura Ricks	Jan. 1884
Pleasant Hill		Mrs. R. Parvin	June 3, 1883
Haughton		Appears in report	1886
Logansport		Appears in report	1888
Shreveport, First		Mrs. J. H. Booty	before 1884
Coushatta		Miss Eudie Hayes, Sec.	1887

## *The Book of Remembrance*

Here in our Book of Remembrance are portraits of many beautiful women, whose lives are symbolized by the Jewels of the Kingdom. This Seventy-fifth Anniversary Year we pay tribute to each of them who have gone on to Claim their Tomorrow, and become "Bright Gems for His Crown."



"When He cometh, when He cometh,  
To make up His jewels,  
All His jewels, precious jewels,  
His loved and His own.

Like the stars of the morning  
His bright crown adorning,  
They shall shine in their beauty  
Bright gems for His crown."

**FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING**  
Louisiana Conference  
**WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**  
**PROGRAM**

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

12:30 P.M.—Executive Committee Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Abe Mickal  
1120 State Street. Courtesy New Orleans District Officers.

2:00 P.M.—Executive Meeting.

6:00 P.M.—Executive Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Felicity Methodist Church  
1818 Chestnut Street. Courtesy New Orleans District.

“LET US CLAIM TOMORROW”

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

10:30 - 1:00—Registration.

Luncheon in Fellowship Hall, Rayne Memorial Methodist Church. Courtesy Gentilly Methodist Church, Munholland Methodist Church, Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church, First Methodist Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

“Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you. Joshua 3:5 (R.S.V.)

1:30 P.M.—Organ Prelude.

Hymn: “Come, Thou Almighty King” \_\_\_\_\_ No. 2

Convening of Fourteenth Annual Meeting

Opening Worship \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. E. S. Middleton

Welcome \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. C. I. Jones

Order of Business

Presentation of Program

Committee Appointments

Report of Recording Secretary

President's Message: “Tomorrow Wears

Stars” \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey

Announcements \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. C. C. Hightower

Benediction \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. George Pool

6:00 P.M.—Dinner at the Jung Hotel

“Youth Answers the Call to

Serve” \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. J. T. Folk, Presiding

EVENING SESSION

“God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love.” II Timothy 1:7 (R.S.V.)

8:15 P.M.—Organ Prelude

Hymn: “Soldiers of Christ, Arise” \_\_\_\_\_ No. 282

Scripture and Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. A. M. Serex

Anthem \_\_\_\_\_ Rayne Memorial Methodist Church Choir

Offering

Address: “Make No Little Plans” \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Hugh Stuntz

Hymn: “A Charge To Keep I Have” \_\_\_\_\_ No. 287

Benediction \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. A. M. Serex

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

MORNING SESSION

“He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit.” John 15:5 (R.S.V.)

8:00 A.M.—Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, Courtesy Woman's Society of Christian Service, Jefferson Methodist Church, Canal Street Methodist Church

8:30 A.M.—Organ Prelude

Hymn: “Awake, Awake to Love and Work” \_\_\_\_\_ No. 455

Worship: “Lo, I Am With You” \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Nellie Dyer

Report of Registration

Report of Research Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. D. C. Metcalf

Balloting

“The Second Mile Meets Tomorrow” \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. George Powell, Presiding

Hymn: "Rise Up, O Men of God" ..... No. 267

"Keepers of the Flame" ..... Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Presiding  
Ballot

Introductions and Announcements

12:00 P.M.—Quiet Hour: "Christ Centered—World Circumference" .....  
Dr. Roland Q. Leavell

Vocal Solo ..... Mrs. Ernest P. Johnson, Jr.

12:30 P.M.—Box Lunch, Fellowship Hall, Rayne Memorial Methodist  
Church. Churches of New Orleans Serving

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before  
us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our  
faith."  
Hebrews 12:1, 2 (R.S.V.)

1:30 P.M.—Organ Prelude

Hymn: "At Length There Dawns the Glorious Day" No. 469

"We Claim A Better Life For

All, Tomorrow" ..... Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Presiding

"To Live in Faith" ..... United Nations Dramatization Pre-  
sented by Students from Newcomb College Dramatics

Department, Directed by Miss Elizabeth Malone

"Our Mutual Interdependence" ..... Miss Ruth Harris  
World Federation of Methodist

Women ..... Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick

Benediction ..... Dr. W. L. Duren

4:00 P.M.—Tea at St. Mark's Community Center, North Rampart St.  
Courtesy of the Board of St. Mark's Community Center

6:00 P.M.—Dinner at the Jung Hotel

"Today's Children for Tomorrow's

World" ..... Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, Presiding  
Mrs. Wideman Watson

#### EVENING SESSION

"Remember the wonderful works that He hath done."  
Psalm 105:5 (R.S.V.)

8:15 P.M. Organ Prelude

Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal" ..... No. 278  
Offering

"Jewels of the Kingdom"

The Diamond Jubilee Story-Pageant of Louisiana Meth-  
odist Women and Missions

Written and Presented by: Mrs. Guy M. Hicks, Mrs.  
P. D. Neilson and Mrs. E. E. Stewart

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

MORNING SESSION

"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall  
I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, here am  
I; send me." Isaiah 6:8 (R.S.V.)

8:00 A.M.—Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, Rayne Memorial Methodist  
Church, Courtesy Woman's Society of Christian Service,  
Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, Parker Memorial  
Methodist Church

8:30 A.M.—Organ Prelude

Hymn: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" ..... No. 358

Worship: "We Are Not Our Own" ..... Miss Nellie Dyer  
Order of Business

Report of Special Committees

Approval of Recommendations

Resolutions

Place of Meeting in 1955

"Our Gifts Spread the Fragrance of the Knowledge of Him  
Everywhere" ..... Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Mrs. W. W. Paxton

Installation of Officers ..... Mrs. J. B. Pollard

11:00 A.M.—Quiet Hour: "The Church in Thy

Home" ..... Dr. Roland Q. Leavell

Vocal Solo ..... Miss Ruth Harris

Communion Service ..... Rev. Virgil Morris, Presiding

Benediction ..... Dr. A. M. Serex

12:00 P.M.—Buffet Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, Rayne Memorial Meth-  
odist Church. Courtesy Woman's Society of Christian Ser-  
vice, Rayne Memorial Methodist Church

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:37 [R.S.V.)



# PROGRAM

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD, MARCH 27, 28, 1954  
JUNG HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

## SATURDAY, MARCH 27

- 10:00 A.M.—Registration, Rooms 7-8, Jung Hotel  
10:30 A.M.—Conference Executive Committee Meeting, Arnaud's  
12:00 P.M.—Conference Executive Committee Luncheon, Arnaud's

### AFTERNOON SESSION — Cotillion Room, Jung Hotel

- 2:00 P.M.—Organ Prelude  
    Convening of Third Annual Conference of the Wesleyan  
    Service Guild \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Minza Rabun, Presiding  
    Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" \_\_\_\_\_ No. 12  
    Worship: "Joyous Living Today, Our Key to  
    Tomorrow" \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Mary Gladys Page  
    Order of Business  
    Committee Appointments  
    Report of Registration  
    Report of Research Committee  
    Election  
    Introduction and Announcements  
    Secretary's Message: "Widening  
    Horizons" \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Minza Rabun  
    Address: "Tomorrow's Jewels" \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey  
4:30 P.M.—Tea at Christian Woman's Exchange, 818 St. Louis Street  
7:00 P.M. Dinner Meeting, Felicity Methodist Church  
    1818 Chestnut Street  
    Honoring Miss Ruth Harris and Mrs. Maggie Bergeron

### EVENING SESSION — Sanctuary, Felicity Methodist Church

- 8:15 P.M.—Organ Prelude  
    Hymn: "Heralds of Christ" \_\_\_\_\_ No. 482  
    Address: "Health and Nursing Program  
    in India" \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Ruth Harris  
    Address: "Louisiana Rural Work" \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Maggie Bergeron  
    Worship \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Vela Cleveland  
    Love Offering: Two Special Interests for Supply  
    Benediction \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Lillian Kennedy

## SUNDAY, MARCH 28

- 7:15 A.M.—Breakfast, Green Room, Jung Hotel  
    Meditation: "Beyond Calvary" \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Ruth Van Fleet  
8:45 A.M.—Morning Session at First Methodist Church, St. Charles  
    Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory" \_\_\_\_\_ No. 279  
    Avenue  
    Organ Prelude  
    Prayer  
    Report of Committees  
    Special Music  
    Address: "Let Us Claim Tomorrow" \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. A. W. Dent  
    Hymn: "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" \_\_\_\_\_ No. 282  
    Adjournment  
    Benediction \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Neva Rye  
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. N. H. Melbert, Pastor  
    First Methodist Church  
12:15 P.M.—Buffet Luncheon, First Methodist Church  
    Courtesy the District Guilds



# MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Louisiana Conference  
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE  
MacDonell Methodist Center  
Houma, Louisiana

October 13, 14, 1953

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met for its mid-year meeting on October 13, 1953, at MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma, Louisiana.

The meeting was begun at 5:00 p.m. with a Retreat held in the lovely Ella K. Hooper Prayer Chapel, and conducted by Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, using as her theme: "Roads to Radiant Living." Mrs. Paxton based her remarks on the steps suggested in the Lord's Prayer. This hour was closed with a series of prayers, after which the Committee was invited to the dining room of the Center, where a delicious dinner was served.

At seven p.m. the Retreat was resumed in the Assembly Hall of the School Building. The meeting was opened with the singing of the Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God." Mrs. Paxton continued her discussion of Roads to Radiant Living, and closed with prayer.

The Committee then went into business session, with Mrs. Glenn Laskey, president, presiding.

Roll call showed the following members in attendance during the meeting: Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Elmer E. Stewart, Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. Warren Constant, Mrs. Chas F. Goldthwait, Mrs. J. T. Folk, Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. George E. Powell, Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Mrs. F. C. Haley, Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. J. H. McSween, Mrs. C. W. Tebow, Mrs. T. M. Ellis, Mrs. R. O. Coopender, Mrs. Horace Denison, Mrs. A. J. McGrede, Mrs. Roy Dugas, Mrs. H. M. Moak, Mrs. M. L. DeFreese, Mrs. E. S. Middleton, Mrs. G. Wray Gill, Mrs. G. O. Willis, Mrs. Otis Welch, Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., Mrs. W. C. McDonald, and Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell was asked to send suitable messages to Mrs. E. N. Jackson, in the loss of her husband, Mrs. P. D. Lambert, regretting the illness of her mother, and to Mrs. W. E. Trice, welcoming the new baby.

Mrs. Laskey welcomed the committee in behalf of the staff of MacDonell Center and the Head Resident, Mrs. Nettie Thornton, who was not able to be present, due to other duties.

Corrections and additions were made to the Directory of Conference and District officers.

The Recording secretaries of the Districts had been invited as special guests to this meeting. Mrs. Malcolm Hood of the Ruston District was introduced as the only one able to accept the invitation.

The secretary read the report of a meeting of the Administrative Committee as follows:

The Administrative Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met on the campus of Centenary College at 1:30 p.m. on August 27, 1953, on call of the president, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, with the following present: Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. F. C. Haley and Mrs. E. E. Stewart.

Mrs. Laskey explained the purpose of the meeting was to receive the resignation of Mrs. P. D. Lambert as Secretary of Literature and Publications, due to illness in her family. The resignation was accepted with regret.

The Research Committee presented the name of Mrs. Wideman Watson of Homer, to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Lambert. Mrs. Tidwell moved that Mrs. Watson be elected. The motion was seconded and Mrs. Watson was unanimously elected.

Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Recording Secretary  
Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, President

On motion of Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., and a second, the election of Mrs. Watson was confirmed by unanimous vote.

The President, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, reported her activities since the last meeting, including attendance at the Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah and the Conference School of Missions at Centenary College, and that she had made a report of the advances of the Woman's work during the last quadrennium at the regular meeting of the Louisiana Conference.

Mrs. Stewart reported that she had obtained the use of the original hand-written copy of the Minutes of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference from 1884 to 1896, with the exception of 1895, and had copied same. She asked the group to consider having this valuable information printed and put on sale at the March Conference of 1954, during the 75th Anniversary celebration. She asked that action be delayed until the following day in order that the Committee might have time to consider the matter.

The Vice-President, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, reported an increase in the number of societies using the Program material; in the number of Program Committees and in interest in the World Federation of Methodist Women, both in the Woman's Societies and the Guild. She stated that the members of many societies are writing to members of societies in other countries, thereby developing the emphasis "That we all may be one."

Mrs. Charles F. Goldthwait, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, reported on her recent visit to the United Nations in New York, as a representative of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society, for the purpose of attending a Seminar on World Peace.

With a benedictory prayer by Mrs. J. T. Folk, the Committee adjourned at 9:15 p.m. to re-assemble the following morning at 8:30.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1953

The Executive Committee, after breakfast with the children now living at the Center, re-convened for the business session in the living room of McCoy Cottage.

The session was opened with a worship service conducted by Mrs. W. W. Paxton. She used as her theme: "Workers with God," and closed with the consecration hymn: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord", and prayer. Reports were continued.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary of Promotion, reported an Officer Training Day held in the Pineville church in May, with an attendance of 80. The film "Widening Fellowship" was shown at that time, and has been requested many times since, throughout the Conference.

The Treasure Chests, suggested by the Woman's Division, for raising additional funds, are being promoted. The comparative report for the first quarter was distributed, and special points were lifted concerning reporting.

In the absence of the Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Minza Rabun, her report was read, which showed an increase of 2 in number of Guilds, making 87, with a total membership of 1,703.

Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, reported next, calling attention to the fact that Districts with 100% Promotion reporting did not hold true when it came to her department.

Plans, presented at the Spring Conference, to bring Mrs. C. A. Bender to the Conference for a series of workshops in November have been cancelled due to the illness of Mrs. Bender. She now hopes to be able to fill that engagement in February, 1954, and plans were suggested, if these dates are confirmed.

Mrs. Goldthwait then read the following financial report:

Balance on hand, March 1, 1953 .....	\$ 59.34
Received from Conference treasurer .....	100.00
Received for Little Rock Seminar .....	62.75

---

Total to account for .....	\$222.09
----------------------------	----------

Disbursements:		
Little Rock Seminar .....	\$	62.75
Stamps and Mailing .....		37.05
Stationery and Mimeographing .....		'50
Telephone and Telegraph .....		18.13
Literature .....		9.83
Memberships:		
Committee on Race Relations .....	\$	3.00
World Council of Churches .....		5.00
Louisiana Legislative Council .....		37.67
	\$45.67—	45.67
Expenses in New York at U. N. Seminar .....		45.00
Total Expense .....	\$	227.93
October 12, 1953, a Deficit of .....	\$	5.84

Mrs. Goldthwait then presented the matter of the fund for Alcohol Education of Youth. After discussion, it was moved by Mrs. DeFreese and seconded that the \$3,000.00 annual support of the Alcohol Education of Youth fund, of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation be continued through this quadrennium, that is, to June 1, 1956; this fund to be raised through the Department of Christian Social Relations on a basis of 25c per capita in both the Woman's Societies and the Guilds. The motion was carried.

Mrs. J. T. Folk, Secretary of Youth Work, reported, calling attention to the Methodist Youth Fellowship collections; that the Conference treasurer had received money from only 38 churches during the first quarter. She urged the use of the Methodist Youth Fellowship Handbook by the secretaries of Youth Work in the local churches. She also suggested the use of personal pledge cards among the youth, over and above other church giving, and sending the money monthly or quarterly to Rev. J. E. Hearn, Louisiana Conference Treasurer, 1206 Chataqua, Ruston, Louisiana.

Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, Secretary of Children's Work, reported attending the Regional Conference for Children's Workers, held at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, in April, as a representative of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society. There were eleven South Central Jurisdiction secretaries of Childrn's Work present.

Mrs. Whitaker explained the set-up in the church for the missionary education of children as divided between the Board of Education and the Woman's Society. She stated that the children are giving, but much of their giving is not directed to projects of the Woman's Division, but that there had been an increase in giving in spite of this division.

Mrs. Whitaker reported she had attended the Conference School of Missions at Centenary College, and had taught in two Seminars.

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary of Literature and Publications, since she had been in office so short a time, read a report prepared by the former secretary, Mrs. P. D. Lambert, as follows:

Local Societies in the Conference, 309. Local Societies reporting the first quarter, 267. An increase of 35 over the first quarter last year. Received from Book room sales at District Seminars, \$1,362.41. There are now 3,195 subscribers to the Methodist Woman, and 1,104 subscribers to the World Outlook, an increase of 506 subscribers to the Methodist Woman and a loss of 226 subscribers to the World Outlook in the Woman's Society and the Guild from last year.

Forty-five societies report every elected officer a subscriber to the Methodist Woman, an increase of 5 over last year, and five societies report every elected officer a subscriber to the World Outlook, a decrease of two from last year.

Samples of Week of Prayer material were mailed to 305 local society presidents and 78 Guild presidents.



Mrs. George E. Powell, Secretary of Supply Work, reported that in the Conference year 1952-53 Louisiana was at the top of the list in the Jurisdiction in cash giving for Supply Work, with 90c per capita, and were second in cash value plus cash, with \$1.35 per capita.

She mentioned that the first quarter reports showed a decrease in giving as compared to one year ago, and hoped the outlook would be brighter the next quarter.

Mrs. Powell gave a detailed report of visits to the Conference Institutions, and Supply needs of the various institutions listed in the Supply schedule of the Conference, and made a special appeal for the support of the Coupon campaign for St. Mark's Community Center, which is to be used to purchase a camp site. Information concerning this, and other supply needs, has been sent to all local societies.

In connection with this report, Mrs. Goldthwait made a statement in regards to present conditions at St. Mark's.

The following committees were appointed by the president, to meet immediately following lunch:

**FINANCE:** Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Mrs. Geo. E. Powell, and the District Treasurers.

**PROMOTION:** Mrs. Lee Tidwell, the District Presidents, the District Promotion Secretaries, and Mrs. Malcolm Hood.

**1954 CONFERENCE PROGRAM:** Mrs. Warren Constant, Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait, Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, Mrs. F. C. Haley, Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. E. S. Middleton.

**SCHOOL OF MISSIONS:** Mrs. Warren Constant, Mrs. Minza Rabun, Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Mrs. Lee Tidwell.

**JOURNAL:** Mrs. J. T. Folk, Mrs. George E. Powell, Mrs. F. C. Haley.

**MISSIONARY PERSONNEL:** Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. J. T. Folk, Mrs. Wideman Watson.

Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Secretary of Supply Work of the South Central Jurisdiction, gave a brief report of a recent meeting in New York of the Standing Committee on Supply Work of the Woman's Division, to which the Jurisdiction secretaries had been invited.

During a short recess, a delicious buffet luncheon was served the Committee in the dining hall of the Center, following which the committee meetings were held.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Following the committee meetings, the Executive Committee reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

Reports were continued.

Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Treasurer, reported that the Louisiana Conference is first in the Jurisdiction in per capita giving—\$6.26—as well as in Supply giving as previously reported.

Last year's pledge of \$97,773.50 was over-paid by more than \$600.

On motion by Mrs. Kennon, and with the recommendation of the finance committee, it was voted to transfer to Miss Elizabeth Thompson \$345.00, which had been previously set aside for her expenses, so that she may use it while studying at Emory University, during her leave of absence.

Mrs. Kennon also reported that Miss Anna Givens, a J-3, who returned from Japan during the summer, is now studying at Scarritt College toward a Master's degree, with the intention of further missionary work, and that \$285.00 of her expenses has been paid by the Society at First Church, Shreveport, and that authority had been granted the Division treasurer to take the additional expense from the interest on funds from Louisiana which have been pooled for that purpose.

The Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. W. W. Paxton, reported that illness in her home had prevented her doing all the things she had planned for the summer, but that she had attended the Conference School of Missions at Centenary College and taught the course on "Spanish Speaking Americans", and that it was also her privilege to teach the same course for the United Church Women of Shreveport, in their Seminar.

Mrs. Paxton reported many inquiries concerning prayer groups and how to organize them, and in each case she had given help and guidance. The emphasis now is on the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial programs and offering.

Mrs. F. C. Haley, Secretary of Status of Women, reported that the summer quarter figures show a steady growth over the past year, with the exception of the number of secretaries, which shows a decrease. There were 179 reports from 190 secretaries the first quarter, with the Shreveport District the only one 100% in reporting.

An encouraging number of women are being added to the Official Boards of the Church; 13 women were suggested for places of leadership in the community; seven in the parish and five in the State. Several projects of importance were mentioned as being sponsored by societies during the past quarter.

The Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Mrs. C. I. Jones, reported having visited the office of the Division secretary of Missionary Personnel; and she made some observations about Life Service Volunteers from this Conference. She urged that those not yet in active service be contacted frequently and supplied with new materials to help them decide in which field they would be best fitted to work. She also presented some new materials for her department.

The Committee was dismissed for a brief recess before the dinner hour.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 14, 1953

A delectable dinner was served in the dining room of the Center, after which the Committee re-assembled at seven o'clock.

Reports and recommendations from the committees, which met in the afternoon, were heard.

The Committee on Promotion presented two recommendations, as follows, Mrs. Roy Dugas, secretary, reporting:

1. That delegates to the Annual Meeting in New Orleans, in March, 1954, be urged to avail themselves of the opportunity to visit our institutions in that city and in the southern part of the State, while in New Orleans and en route.
2. That the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws be asked to prepare and present to the Conference a Standing Rule for local societies, which will add the District and Conference officers to the Executive Committee of the local society to which they belong.

These recommendations were adopted as read.

The Committee on School of Missions, Mrs. Warren Constant, chairman, stated that the dates of the School for 1954 will be August 9-13.

The topics for study will be:

India, Pakistan and Ceylon  
That They May Have Life  
The City  
Jesus Teachings Concerning Women

The Workshops will be:

The Program Committee at Work  
Teaching, Its Principles and Practices  
The Organization and Work of the Woman's Society  
Methodist Women and the United Nations

The Clinics will be:

Vice-President  
Promotion  
Children's Work  
Literature and Publications

Missionary Education  
Christian Social Relations  
Wesleyan Service Guild  
Spiritual Life Cultivation

The Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah will be held June 29-July 6, 1954, with the following Conference officers expected to attend: the president, the vice-president, secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Literature and Publications, Children's Work, Spiritual Life Cultivation, and Wesleyan Service Guild. The remaining places in the quota of 20 to be filled from the Districts.

The Committee on Missionary Personnel, Mrs. C. I. Jones, chairman, made the following recommendations:

1. That the Conference secretary of Missionary Personnel contact all deans of senior camps, asking for the names of all who volunteer for full time service.
2. That she send these names to the District secretaries of Missionary Personnel, who will, in turn, send them to the Youth secretary in the local churches.
3. That these young people be cultivated on all levels.
4. That each Conference officer cooperate in the Christian Vocations Conference or Christian career Clinics held in her district.
5. That the local church encourage students to attend the National Student Conference to be held in Lawrence, Kansas, the latter part of December, 1953, and that they provide some financial aid.
6. That High School youth be encouraged to attend District Rallies and help provide transportation for them to same.

These recommendations were unanimously adopted.

The 1954 Program Committee, Mrs. Warren Constant, chairman, presented some high lights of the plans for 1954 Conference. The dates of which are: March 24, 25 and 26, 1954.

The place: Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans.

Special Feature: The seventy-fifth anniversary of the Foreign Missionary Society.

The matter of printing the Minutes of the Annual Meetings from 1884-1896, previously presented, was discussed, and it was voted to have this valuable and interesting information printed, and copies put on sale at the Seventy-fifth Conference, as souvenirs, to defray the cost of the printing.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 8:30 p.m., with a circle of prayer, with joined hands, and the singing of Blest Be the Tie.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, President

Mrs. Elmer E. Stewart, Recording Secretary

Approved:

Mrs. J. T. Folk

Mrs. George E. Powell

Mrs. F. C. Haley

## **Pre-Conference Executive Committee Meeting**

**NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

**MARCH 23, 1954**

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service assembled at noon in the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, from whence they were directed to the home of Mrs. Abe Mickal, 1120 State St. There they were served a delicious luncheon, a courtesy of the officers of the New Orleans District Society. After an hour of fellowship, the committee repaired to the home of Mrs. C. I. Jones on St. Charles Avenue for the afternoon business session, which began at two p.m.

The following members were present: Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Elmer E. Stewart, Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait, Mrs. Minza Rabun, Mrs. W. E. Trice,



Mrs. J. T. Folk, Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, Mrs. Widernan Watson, Mrs. George E. Powell, Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. J. H. McSween, Mrs. C. W. Tebow, Mrs. T. M. Ellis, Mrs. R. O. Coopender, Mrs. A. J. McGrede, Mrs. Roy Dugas, Mrs. E. S. Middleton, Mrs. G. O. Willis, Mrs. Otis Welch, Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., Mrs. C. B. McEachern, Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar and Mrs. D. C. Metcalf.

Words of greetings were spoken by the president, Mrs. Laskey, after which Mrs. W. E. Trice led the devotions, using words of Paul in his letter to the church at Corinth, "Knowing your labors are not in vain." She urged her hearers to be "steadfast, immovable in the Lord" if we are to win in the work of the Lord. We cannot "Claim Tomorrow" with benign platitudes, only with hard work. She closed with prayer.

Mrs. C. B. McEachern was asked by the president to send greetings to the members of the committee who were absent due to illness.

Special reports of comments on recommendations were called for. Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary of Promotion, presented the question of a Conference-wide Officer Training Day for District Officers. After some discussion, a tentative date, June 17, was set, and the place, Pineville. As heretofore each Conference officer will notify her corresponding District officers of time and place.

The following dates for District Meetings were announced:

Lake Charles District, April 9  
Alexandria District, April 22  
New Orleans District, April 22  
Baton Rouge District, April 23  
Ruston District, April 23  
Monroe District, April 30  
Shreveport District, April 30

A recommendation from the Lake Charles District in regards to the proposed new District for Louisiana Conference was read and discussed. It was decided that a committee composed of the Conference president, Conference Treasurer, and Conference Secretary of Promotion, and the corresponding officers from the Districts involved be authorized to set up the new District after the lines are definitely set by the Louisiana Annual Conference.

The dates for the Jurisdiction School of Missions on Mt. Sequoyah are: June 29-July 6, 1954.

The following Conference officers are expected to attend: the vice-president, the secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life, Literature and Publications, Children's Work, and three representatives from the Wesleyan Service Guild. One person will go from each District, and it was suggested that it be the vice-president. This will fill the 20 reservations.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, vice-president, read a letter from Mrs. S. J. Fairchild, chairman of Special Memberships, asking that she be authorized to promote special memberships throughout the Conference during the coming year, urging each society to give at least one membership, even if it is only a baby membership. The authority was granted.

Mrs. F. E. Kennon, treasurer, presented the budget for the next year. A discussion of the Vocations Conference brought out that those meetings are now held in the Districts, and that the budget did not cover that particular expense. It was moved by Mrs. Kilpatrick, seconded, and carried that \$100.00 be deducted from the miscellaneous fund and \$100.00 from the Co-operative Meetings Fund and be designated as a fund for Christian Career Clinics in the Districts.

Mrs. Kennon stated that funds are available from Guild Supply giving for a car for Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Rural Worker, when she returns from her furlough.

Mrs. Minza Rabun, secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, spoke of the prospects of the Guild, and urged that as many as possible stay for the Guild meeting which follows the Woman's Society Conference.

It was moved by Mrs. Tidwell, and seconded, that greetings be sent from this Conference to the Texas Woman's Society Conference, and the Southwest Texas Woman's Society Conference, both of which are in session at this time. Mrs. McEachern was asked to add those to the list she was sending.

The Committee adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to meet for dinner at Felicity Street Church, at six p.m.

### DINNER

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Felicity Church served a bountiful dinner from beautifully decorated tables, to the Executive Committee. The invocation was given by the acting pastor, Rev. Pickett. Following the meal, a warm welcome was given by Mrs. W. A. Tindell, Sr., local society president, and was responded to by Mrs. Laskey. The Committee was then invited to tour the more than one hundred year old building, especially the sanctuary. While in the sanctuary, much of the early history of its existence was retold by its members.

### EVENING SESSION

At eight p.m. the Executive Committee re-convened in the parlor of the Rayne Memorial Church. The meeting was opened with prayer, led by Mrs. Laskey, president.

Ballot was taken for a delegate and an alternate to attend the Assembly meeting in Milwaukee in May. It resulted in the election of Mrs. Lee Tidwell as the delegate and Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait as the alternate.

Names were suggested for the youth delegate, and Mrs. J. T. Folk was asked to contact some of these and find a delegate and an alternate.

The following recommendation was adopted:

Your Conference Executive Committee recommends that the Sacrificial offering usually taken at the Conference meetings be used this year for the retired Missionary and Deaconess fund, and be presented at the Assembly by the Conference president.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Warren Constant, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Miss Ann Adams, and Miss Lillian Hay.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kilpatrick, and seconded, that the Department of Christian Social Relations allocate \$50.00 of the amount budgeted for that Department, to send a young man to a work shop on World Peace to be held at Mt. Sequoyah July 12-16, 1954.

The motion was adopted.

Mrs. W. E. Trice, secretary of Student Work, called attention to a change in her recommendations in the price of a record to be used in the June meeting. The price is \$2.00 instead of \$1.00 as listed.

Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, secretary of Children's Work, called attention to the Clinic for Children's Work in the School of Missions in August, and urged that Children's secretaries be invited to attend.

Mrs. J. T. Folk, secretary of Youth Work, made mention of the fact that the Youth Fund of the Annual Conference is very much lower than last year, due probably to the fact that there is no Conference Youth Worker. She asked that each individual call attention to this in her own church.

Mrs. F. E. Kennon, treasurer, reported that the Alcohol Education Fund is about \$1,300.00 short of the \$3,000.00 pledged last year. The Department of Christian Social Relations was asked to push the collection of this fund.

At the close of this session, Mrs. Laskey, who is completing her term of office, expressed her appreciation to the members of the Executive Committee for their love and cooperation shown throughout her years of service.

The Committee adjourned at 10 p.m.

# JOURNAL OF FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Louisiana Conference  
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
March 24-26, 1954

The fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service convened in Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, on Wednesday, March 24, 1954, at 1:30 p.m., with the president, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, presiding.

Following an organ prelude, the hymn "Come Thou Almighty King" was sung, after which the president declared the Conference convened, by sounding the gavel.

Mrs. Laskey reminisced of other Conferences held in New Orleans, and the Rayne Memorial Church, and then introduced Mrs. E. S. Middleton, president of the New Orleans District Society, who led the opening worship. After a moment of silent prayer for the Conference, she read Matt. 25:34-40, and offered prayer.

In her own quiet way, the president of the Rayne Memorial Society, Mrs. C. I. Jones, welcomed the delegates and guests.

Mr. Robert Wall, special representative of the Mayor, welcomed the Conference to New Orleans, and in behalf of Mayor DeLesseps Morrison and other officials of the city, presented Mrs. Laskey with a Key to the City, and a certificate of Honorary Citizenship of the City of New Orleans.

Mrs. Laskey graciously accepted both honors.

In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Warren Constant, Program Chairman, Mrs. Laskey called attention to highlights of the program of the Conference and noted special guests and speakers.

The Recording Secretary read the committee appointments as follows:

Distributing Tellers—Mrs. William Hession, Mrs. Maurice Tatum, Mrs. Merrill O. Hines, Mrs. F. B. Martin, Mrs. R. C. Jackson, Mrs. Allen O. Jernigan.

Counting Tellers—Mrs. Charles Kendrick, Mrs. Lonnie Maddry, Mrs. Max Clayton, Mrs. H. B. Staples, Mrs. Jean Crawford, Mrs. George Hudson.

Journal—Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. F. E. Kennon, and Mrs. C. B. McEachern.

Resolutions—Mrs. T. J. James, Mrs. L. K. Wells and Mrs. B. F. Patterson.

Mrs. Elmer E. Stewart, Recording Secretary, reported the meeting of the Executive Committee at MacDonell Methodist Center in October, and submitted the annual report of the Committee on Annual Report, as follows:

Following the Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge, March 1953, the material for the Annual Report was assembled, with the aid of the members of the committee. Seven hundred copies were printed by the Drake Company of Shreveport, and distributed at a cost of \$699.52.

These copies were distributed as follows:

To the Woman's Division .....	2
Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Division President .....	1
To Recording Secretaries of other	
Conferences of Jurisdiction .....	19
Louisiana Conference Officers—2 each .....	32
District Officers—1 each .....	105
Local Society Presidents—1 each .....	304
District Superintendents, La. Conference .....	7
Bishop Paul Martin .....	1
Wesleyan Service Guild Presidents—1 each .....	85
Members of Division Residing in Louisiana .....	3
Louisiana Missionaries in Foreign Fields .....	6
Deaconesses from Louisiana .....	6



Louisiana Conference Workers .....	15
Mrs. H. A. White—for Martha Fay .....	1
District Promotion—6 each .....	42
Outgoing Secretary of Jurisdiction .....	1
Copies for File .....	2
Sold for Cash .....	61
Extras Sent on Request .....	5
On Hand .....	2
	<hr/>
	700

Mrs. Elmer E. Stewart, Chairman  
Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey  
Mrs. F. E. Kennon  
Mrs. Lee Tidwell  
Miss Mary Gladys Page

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, vice-president, with a special tribute for her eight years of service, presented the president, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, who brought her annual message, entitled "Tomorrow Wears Stars" (The message in full will be found on page 39.)

Following necessary announcements, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction by Dr. A. M. Serex, pastor-host.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

The members and visitors to the Conference were served a savory dinner in the Green Room of the Jung Hotel at 6 p.m. The tables were attractive with spring flowers. The theme of the dinner was "Youth and Recruitment", with Mrs. J. T. Folk, secretary of Youth Work, presiding. The invocation was spoken by Rev. Virgil Morris, Superintendent of the New Orleans District.

The Student Workers, who were able to be present, were introduced. They were Mr. Robert Parrott and Miss Pearlye Mae Kelley. Miss Kelley spoke on that phase of the work, telling something of the type work the Counsellors are called upon to do, bringing out that the job requires constant devotion, service and a program of recruitment. She closed with this original poem:

### METHODIST WOMEN

"You have a ren-dez-vous with youth,  
Claim you must their time and vision;  
Claim for God their clear decision.

Claim you must their life and living,  
Claim youth's utmost in their giving;  
Thus together — you and they  
Will gladly claim tomorrow's way."

Mrs. Folk then introduced the other Conference secretaries who work with youth: Mrs. W. E. Trice, secretary of Student Work, and Mrs. C. I. Jones, secretary of Missionary Personnel.

Mrs. Jones presented a group of students from the Tulane-Newcomb Wesley Foundation. One of their number, Miss Shirley Pride, sang several numbers, accompanied by Rev. George Pool. She closed with Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer".

Mrs. Jones then, with appropriate introduction, presented Miss Ruth Harris, a former Missionary to China, who spoke most interestingly of her experiences in China. She used as her theme, the modern translation of a statement of St. Paul's "Don't let the world squeeze you into its mold, but let God remold your mind from within." She reminded her audience that the mission of God cannot be carried on by proxy, but each must do his own part.

The program closed with the MYF benediction.

### EVENING SESSION

Immediately following the dinner at the Jung Hotel, the Conference returned to the sanctuary of the Rayne Memorial Church for the evening program.



Following an organ prelude, the hymn "Soldiers of Christ Arise" was sung.

Dr. A. M. Serex read the second chapter of Philippians and offered prayer. The Rayne choir sang the anthem "Go Thou Not Far From Me O Lord", after which the evening offering was taken.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey presented Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., former president of the Conference, who introduced Dr. Hugh Stuntz, president of Scarritt College, who made the address of the evening. He used as his subject "Make No Little Plans", summarizing the plan of God as illustrated in Paul's letter to the Philippians. He brought out that food, shelter, mobility and security are the essential values today, even as it was 6,000 years ago. He closed with the challenge that the field of service is wide open, and the need has never been so great. The hymn "A Charge To Keep I Have" was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. A. M. Serex.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

March 25, 1954

The quiet music of the organ prelude set the spirit of worship. The hymn "Awake, Awake, To Love and Work" was sung.

The morning worship was conducted by Miss Nellie Dyer, who was recently freed from a North Korean prison, after three years of internment. She used as her topic "Lo, I Am With You Always", the promise of our Lord, which has inspired people throughout the ages. Miss Dyer reviewed some of her experiences as a missionary, bringing out that some of them are dreary, and some are on the mountain top, but always the Lord was there. Of her days and nights of loneliness and terror through two prison experiences—once with the Japanese and once with the North Koreans. She said "I am here to bear witness to His precious promise "Lo I am with you always", for without that promise, I would not be here." She closed her meditation with prayer.

The Chairman of Registration, Mrs. James N. Grant, reported 176 delegates and alternates and 121 visitors had registered.

The time had arrived for the election of officers. The voting strength of the Conference was taken and found to be 152. Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, chairman of the Research Committee, presented the names of the following persons for the vacancies among Conference officers:

President—Mrs. C. I. Jones

Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. McSween, Mrs. R. O. Coopender, Mrs. J. L. Saxon

Missionary Education (unexpired term)—Mrs. Robley W. Davis

Student Work—Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., Mrs. D. W. Poole

Youth Work—Mrs. J. T. Folk

Children's Work—Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Mrs. A. B. Cavanaugh

Status of Women—Mrs. G. O. Willis, Mrs. W. A. Barnwell

Missionary Personnel—Mrs. James T. Harris

Ballot was taken. and the Counting Tellers retired to count the ballot.

Mrs. George E. Powell, Secretary of Supply Work, presented the annual report of the work in her department under the title "The Second Mile Meets Tomorrow." For her report. Mrs. Powell used the medium of a radio broadcast skit, with the following reports and requests given:

Mrs. Pearl Turnbull, kindergarten teacher at Peoples' Community Center. She reports that they now serve people from infants to old age; with a day care nursery and the Golden Age Club. She needs art supplies, crayons, clay, etc.; toys, crib sheets, a record player and records.

St. Mark's Community Center, Miss Fae Daves, Miss Carolyn Gris-ham, and Miss Laura Smith reporting. Their greatest need is a day camp site, as a means of developing Christian character.

Rev. Robert Parrott reporting for Southwestern Louisiana Institute Wesley Foundation said they need drapes-to-match for two new rooms, a new piano, and a kneeling pad for their altar.

MacDonell Methodist Center, Mrs. Nettie Thornton reporting. The greatest need is used clothing suitable for that climate. Do not send heavy woolen clothing.

Dulac Indian Mission, Mrs. Carl Brunson reporting for the school. They need a limited amount of school supplies, educational toys, and material for adult education, such as sewing machine and yard goods. Also books, good, clean new and used clothing and layettes.

Miss Jessie Jackson, nurse at Dulac, reported her needs as: tooth-brushes, tooth paste and vitamins.

Miss Pearlye Mae Kelley, deaconess, reporting for Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation. They need a new student center, having long since outgrown the old one, where there isn't even standing room, much less sitting space. She needs paper supplies, paper plates, napkins and the like. She asks that we keep the Blue Cards coming.

Sager Brown Orphanage and Godman School, Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, head resident. They need cash, new and used clothing, toilet articles, medicine, school supplies; anything any normal home with 40 children uses.

Wesley Foundation at Northwestern State College was reported by Mrs. W. E. Trice in the absence of Miss Ann Adams, director. They need dishes, dish towels, drapes that match.

Business Girls Inn, Mrs. Mary Freeman, head resident, reporting. This institution is self supporting, and asks for no supplies, but want and are grateful for your prayers.

At the close of Mrs. Freeman's report, Mrs. S. J. Fairchild presented her with an Honorary Patron membership, as she is retiring this year. Mrs. Fairchild gave a beautiful tribute to Mrs. Freeman, saying that her work at the Inn and the Inn itself would ever stand as a memorial of her good work.

Mrs. Powell closed the hour with a poem entitled "The Christian Way."

Mrs. Laskey took this occasion to present other Conference workers present, who had not appeared in the "Broadcast."

Mrs. Charles Kendrick, chairman of the Counting Tellers, made the report for the committee. The following were elected:

President—Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans

Missionary Education and Service—Mrs. Robley W. Davis, Gilliam

Student Work—Mrs. D. W. Poole, Lafayette

Youth Work—Mrs. J. T. Folk, Ruston

Children's Work—Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Alexandria

Status of Women—Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, Shreveport

Missionary Personnel—Mrs. James T. Harris, Monroe

No one having received a majority of all votes cast, there was no election for the office of treasurer.

Voting strength of the Conference was again taken, showing now 163 voting delegates present. A second ballot was taken resulting in the election of Mrs. J. H. McSweeney, of Alexandria, as treasurer.

The hymn "Rise Up O Men of God" was sung.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell, secretary of Promotion, assisted by the District secretaries of Promotion, presented a resume of the work of Promotion, using as the theme "Keepers of the Flame", by which comparison was made between reports of seventy-five years ago and those of today. They used a round table discussion to impress their audience with the requirements for a glowing flame, burning in each society.

The hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" was sung.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, vice-president, in behalf of the Conference presented Mrs. F. E. Kennon, retiring treasurer, with an Honorary Life Patron Membership, paying an appropriate tribute to Mrs. Kennon's excellent service as treasurer.

Mrs. W. W. Paxton, secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, in behalf of the Conference, presented to Mrs. W. E. Trice, retiring secretary of Student Work, an Honorary Life Patron Membership. She, too, exhorted Mrs. Trice's good work.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron made the presentation of an Honorary Life membership to Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, retiring secretary of Children's Work, and congratulated her on four years of fruitful labor.

Honorary memberships were presented, in their absence, to Mrs. F. C. Haley, retiring secretary of Status of Women, and Mrs. Warren Constant, retiring secretary of Missionary Education and Service. These will be presented at their respective District Meetings.

Carrying out the recommendation of the Conference Executive Committee, an offering was taken for the pension fund for retired missionaries and deaconesses, which will be presented at the Assembly in Milwaukee in May.

Mrs. John B. Pollard, past president of the Conference, was asked to make the introductions. This being the seventy-fifth anniversary of the first organization of the Foreign Mission Society in Louisiana, all former officers of the Conference had been invited to be present at this hour. The following came to the platform and were introduced:

Mrs. R. H. Wynn, Fourth Vice-President and Secretary of Study, 1911-1920

Mrs. A. P. Holt, Corresponding Secretary, 1911-1921

Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, President, 1917-1927

Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, Sec. of Study, Corres. Sec., 1918-1932-1941

Mrs. George S. Brown, Recording Secretary, 1921-1935

Mrs. R. W. Irvine, Sec. of Social Service, 1928-1936

Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, Sec. of Social Service; C. S. R., 1936-1944

Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., President, 1932-1940

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Literature and Publications, Missionary Education, 1939-1946

Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., Literature and Publications, 1941-1945

Mrs. R. E. Smith, Sec. of Spiritual Life, 1935-1938

Mrs. J. Hunter Thatcher, Organization and Promotion, 1940-1944

Mrs. S. J. Fairchild, Vice-President, 1945-1952

Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Secretary of Promotion, 1944-1952

Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, Children's Work, 1946-1948

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary, 1946-1952

Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Missionary Education and Supply Work,

1948-1953

Mrs. Glenn R. Nordyke, Literature and Publications, 1948-1952

Mrs. Guy M. Hicks, Spiritual Life, 1948-

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Rural Work, 1930; Recording Secretary, 1935-1940; President, 1940-1946.

Following this group, Mrs. Pollard asked the ministers and their wives to come forward, and a goodly number were introduced.

The time for the Quiet Hour having arrived, Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait introduced Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. The topic of his discourse was "Christ Centered-World Circumference", based on the story of the Samaritan Woman at the well, as contained in the fourth chapter of John. He brought out that having met Christ face to face, the woman was changed from self to unselfish service. He developed the idea that the one word or phrase that encompasses everything in the world, then and now is "The Kingdom of Heaven." He closed with a beautiful poem "World Needs."

Mrs. Ernest P. Johnson, Jr., of Rayne Memorial Choir, sang with great feeling "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled."

Dr. W. L. Duren gave the benedictory prayer.

Following dismissal, a box luncheon was served in Fellowship Hall.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After a brief fellowship period, the Conference reconvened at 1:30 p.m. The hymn "At Length There Dawns the Glorious Day" was sung. The president noted the presence in the audience of the president the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of the Central Jurisdiction, Mrs. I. W. Chrisentery, and presented her to the Conference.



Dr. Earl Hotalen, Director of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation made a brief report of his work, reporting how the money given by the Conference is spent, and how the work is growing. He expressed his appreciation of the cooperation of the Conference, as well as financial aid.

Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait, secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities presented some phases of the work of that department, under the topic "We Claim A Better Life For All, Tomorrow." A United Nations Dramatization entitled "To Live in Faith" was given by students from the dramatics department of Newcomb College, directed by Miss Elizabeth Malone. By this means, the thinking of many concerning United Nations was cleared.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, vice-president, introduced Miss Ruth Harris, missionary visitor to the Conference, who spoke on "Our Mutual Interdependence." As this was also World Federation Hour, Miss Harris made mention of the dominant notes that face Methodist women around the world, speaking first of how the rest of the world look at us, and then how we look at the rest of the world. But on both views we face these four problems: colonialism, color consciousness, ignorance, and the desire to overcome it, and communism.

She closed her talk by singing "In Christ There Is No East or West," while persons from four nations stood at the altar with her.

The benediction was offered by Dr. Earl Hotalen.

#### TEA HOUR

#### ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

At the close of the afternoon session, a gracious invitation was extended the delegates and visitors to make a tour of St. Mark's Community Center, and enjoy fellowship and a cup of tea, a courtesy of the Board of St. Mark's.

#### DINNER, THURSDAY EVENING

The theme "Today's Children for Tomorrow's World" was beautifully developed at the dinner in the Green Room of the Jung Hotel at 6 p.m. The tables were most attractive with pansies by the hundreds. The centerpiece was a globe surrounded by dolls dressed to represent children of the world, and miniature books represented the children's publications. The invocation was given by Mrs. A. S. Hurley. Group singing was led by Miss Ruth Harris, accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Miller.

Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, secretary of Children's Work, described types of work of yesterday, viz: the Juvenile societies called Jewel Gatherers; Cheerful Givers; Buds of Promise; Sunbeams; Busy Bees; etc. How they had a Lady Manager, and sent juvenile delegates to the Annual Meeting.

Miss Elizabeth Workman, Conference Director of Children's Work, told of her work for Today's children.

The benediction was given by Mrs. Wideman Watson, secretary of Literature and Publications.

#### EVENING SESSION, MARCH 25, 1954

At the close of the dinner program, buses awaited the delegates and visitors to transport them to Rayne Memorial Church for the evening session.

Following an organ prelude, the hymn "Lead On O King Eternal" was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. Virgil Morris, and the evening offering was taken.

As the highlight of this Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Conference, a beautiful and thrilling pageant-story depicting Woman's Work through those years was presented. It was planned, written and directed by Mrs. Guy M. Hicks, Mrs. P. D. Neilson and Mrs. E. E. Stewart.

#### JEWELS OF THE KINGDOM

ORGAN MEDLEY—Favorite Methodist Hymns of the 1800s

INVOCATION—The Reverend Virgil D. Morris

HYMN No. 1—Holy, Holy, Holy (First Stanza)

THE OFFERING



CONVENING OF THE DIAMOND JUBILEE—Bishop Paul E. Martin's  
Proclamation

**PROLOGUE — THE VISION SPLENDID**

Theme Song — "THE PRECIOUS JEWELS"

The Vision of Malachi — The Vision of John — The Vision of Mrs.  
Dowdell (The Singing Choir, The Speaking Choir, The Recorder,  
The Tableau)

**PART 1 — BRIGHT GEMS FOR HIS CROWN**

The Diamond—"Mrs. McGavock's Diamonds"

The Sapphire—"Mrs. Lambuth Crosses the Deep Blue Sea"

The Agate—"Miss Lochie Rankin Says 'I'll Go!'"

**PART 2 — MAKING UP HIS JEWELS**

The Emerald—(First Growth) Mrs. Christian Keener and St. Charles  
Ave. Women (Now Rayne Memorial)—1877

The Onyx—(First Official "Bands") "The Church Fathers say 'Yes' at  
Atlanta General Conference"—1878

The Carnelian and the Chrysolite—First Presidents: (Church-Wide)  
Mrs. Juliana Hayes and Miss Lucinda B. Helm; Mrs. Mary Kingsley  
Read and Mrs. F. A. Lyons in Louisiana (1879)

**PART 3 — CHIP DIAMONDS AND SEED PEARLS**

The Beryl—Louisiana's First Recorded Conference—Mansfield—1884;  
"Madame District Secretary" (Excerpts from First Minutes)

The Topaz—Golden Words from a Heart of Gold—Mrs. T. P. Fullilove

The Chrysoprase (Rosy Hue of Childhood)—"The Juveniles"

**PART 4 — FOUNDATION STONES OF PROGRESS**

The Jacinth—(Purple for Royalty) Foreign and Home Societies Unite—  
1910—Miss Belle Bennett, First President of Women's Missionary  
Society; Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, First Louisiana President

The Amethyst—(Gem of Hope and Promise)

"The Woman's Society of Christian Service—1940"

**THE VISION REALIZED**

"Behold—the Cloud of Witnesses"

Anthem—The Heavenly Host (Grieg)

The Vision of John—The Speaking Choir

**THE HOLY CITY — THE PILGRIMAGE**

The Hallelujah Chorus

The Benediction

**CAST**

Organist—Mrs. Bertrand Kiern; Choir Director—Mr. Harald Werner;  
The Rayne Memorial Choir; The Speaking Choir of the First Meth-

odist Church, Shreveport; Mrs. Deane Flett, Leader

The Presiding Minister—The Reverend V. D. Morris

The Recorder—Mrs. Guy M. Hicks

**TABLEAUX**

Mrs. Dowdell—Mrs. E. N. Jackson (Monroe)

Mrs. McGavock—Mrs. C. W. Tebow (Bunkie)

Mrs. Lambuth—Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter (Shreveport)

Miss Rankin—Mrs. Nellie Hysell (Shreveport)

Mrs. Christian Keener—Mrs. Pendleton Lehde (Rayne Memorial)

Mrs. Juliana Hayes—Mrs. E. B. Emmerich (Rayville)

Mrs. Mary Kingsley Read—Mrs. C. B. McGowan (Baton Rouge)

Mrs. F. A. Lyons—Mrs. Nell Harz (Shreveport)

Juveniles and Lady Manager—Mrs. James Cato, Sr., Patrick and Pamea  
Stumpf, David and Claudia Gegenheimer and Susan Hotard of the  
Gretna Methodist Church

Miss Belle Bennett—Mrs. J. S. Segura (Mansfield)

Mrs. E. R. Kennedy—Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr. (Lafayette)

**CHARACTERS IN RAYNE MEMORIAL SCENE**

Mrs. Robert Rayne—Miss Fannie Rayne Russ (her granddaughter)

Mrs. S. E. Hale—Mrs. Robert Cecil Smith

Mrs. Linus Parker—Miss Evelyn Carr

Mrs. J. P. Harrison—Mrs. Virginia Snelling

Mrs. John C. Rowland—Mrs. Alva John Groth

## ATLANTA GENERAL CONFERENCE SCENE

Bishop McTyeire—A. M. Serex

Dr. S. A. Steele—H. A. Rickey

Dr. D. C. Kelley—N. H. Melbert

Delegates from Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Louisiana and others—E. C. DuFresne, R. H. Jamieson, S. W. Wren, Oakley Lee, C. H. Snelling, Jr., Henry Dorsey.

### MINISTERS AT FIRST CONFERENCE

Rev. John Pipes—W. L. Duren

Rev. R. J. Harp—J. W. Matthews

### FIRST CONFERENCE AT MANSFIELD

Rev. John Pipes—

Mrs. John Pipes—Mrs. R. E. Smith (Shreveport District)

Miss Lizzie Paxson of Keatchie—Mrs. C. B. McEachern

Mrs. T. P. Fullilove of Shreveport—Mrs. John B. Greer

Mrs. Claiborne Foster—Mrs. B. C. Taylor

Mrs. S. B. McCutchen—Mrs. Keener Williams

Miss Eliza Logan—Mrs. Malcolm Hood (Simsboro)

Mrs. Hattie Davis of Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Maurice Tatum

Mrs. C. A. Freeman of Robeline—Mrs. J. L. Saxon

Mrs. M. C. Thrasher of Atlanta—Mrs. N. E. Mulkey

Mrs. Sallie Bannerman of Mansfield—Mrs. Barney Goss (Mansfield)

Mrs. Laura Ricks of Mansfield—Mrs. Haller Jackson

Miss Lula Dockery of Friendship—Mrs. E. C. Browne

Rev. R. J. Harp—

Madame District Secretary—Mrs. Elmer E. Stewart

Voice of the Delegates—Mrs. Paul Gunn

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—Bishop A. Frank Smith (by Rev. Virgil Morris)

Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Miss Ella Hooper—By "themselves"

THE HOLY CITY PILGRIMAGE—directed by Mrs. P. D. Neilson (Ruston)

Holy City Pilgrims—Young Women's Circle of Rayne Memorial, Mrs. Robert Ball, leader

Nations of the World—From St. Mark's Community Center, Miss Carolyn Grisham in charge

Youth—from Wesley Foundation of Tulane-Newcomb—Mrs. J. B. Pollard in charge

Juveniles from Gretna—

People's Community Center Children—Miss Dorothy L. Barnette, leader

Wearry Pilgrims Along the Way—W.S.C.S. Women of New Orleans, Mrs. George Willis in charge.

Soloist for The Holy City—Miss Ruth Harris, Guest Missionary, with the Rayne Memorial Choir

Anthem by the Rayne Memorial Choir

Hallelujah Chorus by The Festival Choir of New Orleans, assisted by the Rayne Choir

### FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 26

An air of worship pervaded the sanctuary as the organ played quiet music. The morning worship was opened with the singing of the hymn: "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart." Miss Nellie Dyer, in Korean costume brought another meditation based on the scripture "Ye are not your own, but are bought with a price." Miss Dyer spoke again of her experiences as a prisoner of war, showing how only faith, courage and prayer could bring one through such an experience. She closed by offering prayer that the faith and courage of her audience may be large enough to endure whatever disasters may overtake them, or they may be called to endure.

Mrs. C. B. McEachern reported for the Committee on Journal that the Minutes had been found correct.

Before approving the recommendations from each officer, copies of which were in each delegates packet, and which together form the working plans for the coming year, the various officers were asked to emphasize any that might need such emphasis.

Mrs. Tidwell, secretary of Promotion, urged that each society have a Leadership Training Day, formerly called Officers Training Day.

The treasurer, Mrs. Kennon, called attention to a change in the budget as printed. That \$100.00 had been deducted from the miscellaneous fund and \$100.00 from the Cooperative Meeting fund to be combined and designated as a fund for Christian Career Clinics, to be used in the Districts. She also called attention to the seven per cent increase asked for the coming year.

Mrs. Goldthwait, secretary of Christian Social Relations, called attention to item 3 of her recommendations concerning Louisiana State Police, and urged that attention be paid to bills presented to the Legislature at its coming meeting.

Mrs. Minza Rabun, secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, spoke concerning a recommendation from the Guild that the local Guild president attend the Executive Committee meetings of the local society. That it would bring about a better understanding between the two organizations.

Mrs. W. E. Trice, secretary of Student Work, called attention to the change about Blue Cards, also that in the last item, the cost of the record for the June program should be \$2.00 instead of \$1.00.

Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, secretary of Children's Work, reminded the societies to send their Children's secretaries to the School of Missions for the Clinic on Children's Work.

Mrs. George E. Powell, secretary of Supply Work, suggested that the members first pay their pledges, then give to Supply Work.

The secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. W. Paxton, called attention to the last of her recommendations concerning systematic planning and checking of the work.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, secretary of Missionary Personnel, asked that emphasis be placed on recruitment, particularly of college graduates.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, vice-president, called attention to a recommendation from the Chairman of Special Memberships, Mrs. S. J. Fairchild, that local societies give at least one special membership during the year, even if only a baby membership.

Motion was made by Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, and seconded that the recommendations be adopted as presented as a plan of work for the coming year. It was carried.

A special offering was taken as a gift of appreciation for the janitor and his helpers during the Conference.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

### RESOLUTIONS

We, the delegates and members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in session in New Orleans, Louisiana, March 24-26, 1954, wish to express our deep appreciation for the spiritual inspiration we have received.

Especially do we thank the hostess Society, Rayne Memorial Church, and Felicity, Gentilly, Munholland, Carrollton Avenue, First Methodist, Jefferson, Canal Street, Gretna, Algiers, St. Bernard, Napoleon Avenue and Parker Memorial, their pastors and the District Superintendent for their cooperation toward making this a most successful conference.

We wish to say a special thanks for the courtesies extended the Executive Committee prior to the opening of the Conference.

For the efficient services of the pages, the refreshing coffee hours, and the beautifully appointed buffet luncheons, we are indeed grateful.

The tour and a lovely tea at St. Mark's Community Center was truly a delightful addition to the Conference.



We are most heartily grateful for the inspired work of the Program Committee, in developing the theme "Let Us Claim Tomorrow" throughout these days together. We would include our thanks to Mrs. Constant for her diligent work designing the beautiful cover for the program which is so in keeping with our Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

The inspiring messages brought by our guests and speakers; Miss Nellie Dyer, Miss Ruth Harris, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Dr. Hugh Stuntz, Miss Elizabeth Workman, Miss Elizabeth Malone, and her four students from Newcomb College have filled us with new enthusiasm and strength to accept our responsibilities.

"Jewels of the Kingdom", the Diamond Jubilee Pageant-Story of Louisiana Methodist Women and Missions, written and presented by Mrs. Guy M. Hicks, Mrs. P. D. Neilson and Mrs. E. E. Stewart, was an experience never to be forgotten.

To the General Chairman, Mrs. C. C. Hightower, her committee and to all those who have so generously contributed their time and talents toward making this a most outstanding Conference, we extend our gracious thanks.

Our lives have been enriched as we have caught a broader vision of our work and its needs. We shall return to our homes with a deeper dedication to our tasks in His Kingdom that we, too, might be able to claim tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. T. L. James  
Mrs. L. K. Wells  
Mrs. B. F. Patterson

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, Chairman, made the following recommendation, which was approved:

We recommend that Standing Rule No. 17 be added to read:

"17. District, Conference or Jurisdiction officers shall be members of the Executive Committee of their local society."

Invitations for the 1955 meeting were called for.

Mrs. William Hession offered a cordial invitation that the next session be held in First Methodist Church, Lake Charles. She accompanied her invitation with a letter signed by the minister of the church, Rev. Carl Lueg; the chairman of the Official Board, Dr. P. L. McCreary; and the president of the local Woman's Society, Mrs. Roy France. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

The pledge service was prepared and presented by Mrs. W. W. Paxton and Mrs. F. E. Kennon. It began with a solo "Master No Offending" sung by Mrs. A. M. Serex, followed by a poem of Grace Noll Crowell's entitled "Because I Have Been Given Much, I Too, Must Give."

The scripture "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere" was developed in litany, talks and the candle lighting service. The seven District treasurers made the pledges for their Districts, as follows:

Alexandria _____	\$ 9,710.00	New Orleans _____	\$13,150.00
Baton Rouge _____	13,850.00	Ruston _____	12,810.00
Lake Charles _____	15,400.00	Shreveport _____	19,250.00
Monroe _____	16,148.00		
making a total pledge of _____		\$100,318.00	

The service ended with a dedicatory prayer led by Miss Nellie Dyer.



Mrs. J. B. Pollard former president of the Conference, installed the following officers, who had been elected at this meeting:

President—Mrs. C. I. Jones

Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. McSween

Secretaries:

Missionary Education and Service—Mrs. Robley M. Davis

Student Work—Mrs. D. W. Poole

Youth Work—Mrs. J. T. Folk

Children's Work—Mrs. S. E. Richardson

Status of Women—Mrs. W. A. Barnwell

Missionary Personnel—Mrs. James T. Harris

As the introduction to the service of Holy Communion, Miss Ruth Harris sang "Lord in This Hour of Tumult."

Rev. Virgil Morris, District Superintendent of the New Orleans District, conducted the Communion service.

Dr. A. M. Serex pronounced the benediction.

The president, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, declared the Conference adjourned.

As a gracious gesture, the hostess society served a bountiful buffet luncheon to the departing delegates and visitors.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, President

Mrs. Elmer E. Stewart, Recording Secretary

Immediately following adjournment, the new president, Mrs. C. I. Jones, called a brief meeting of the Conference Executive Committee for the purpose of getting acquainted and transacting any necessary business.

After each member had introduced herself, the president presented Mrs. G. W. Dameron, a member of the Board of Missions, and former Conference officer, who spoke words of encouragement to those new in office, and inspiration to those who have years left in their term of office.

It was moved by Mrs. Lee Tidwell, and seconded that the printing of the Annual Report be delayed until after the proposed new District is set up. The motion was carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a circle of prayer.

Approved:

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick

Mrs. F. E. Kennon

Mrs. C. B. McEachern

Mrs. C. I. Jones, President

Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Recording Secretary

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## "TOMORROW WEARS STARS"

By Mrs. Glenn Laskey

As I give my last message to you, my heart and mind are filled with many pictures of past events, many memories come thronging, and I am gladdened by the experiences of the past eight years. Never can I express to you the joy that serving as your president has brought me, the wonderful fellowship, the privileges of knowing hundreds of you, and the opportunity for growth that has come to me. These have been eight of the richest, most meaningful years of my life, and there is no way to thank you for allowing me to serve you. Always I have been keenly aware of your love, and your prayers and faith have undergirded me.

There has truly not been a single day in the eight years that I have not thought, studied, worked and prayed for the Woman's Society. Since this work has become such a part of me I have learned that my sisters are people of many races. Some are learned, some poor and ignorant, some brown, some black, some yellow, but all of them working for the same objectives as you and I, and all children of one loving Father. I have stretched my imagination far across the world, and in my heart and mind I have been an illiterate in a sun-baked village of India, I have walked a rubble-strewn street in Korea, I have ridden a long-boat down a tropic river, I have bound up wounds, given injections to little brown babies, and conducted a worship service beneath a thatched roof. In fact, I have become, in part, a world citizen. For this growth of heart and mind and spirit I have you to thank for giving me the privilege of working with you, and serving my church.

At this fourteenth annual meeting we are commemorating the organization of Women's Work in Louisiana. Now seventy-five years is a long or short period of time depending upon what one is considering. Seventy-five years is a long life span, but a short period in the world's history, seventy-five years is a long time for our woman's organization, but a short period in church history.

As we scan the pages of the little journal Mrs. E. E. Stewart has compiled from original sources, the Annual Report of the Louisiana Conference Foreign Missionary Society of 1884 to 1896, we feel a deep sense of gratitude and reverence for those who made this organization possible. Little groups of devoted women with no precedence to follow, no great organization such as we have to guide them, gathered small groups of women and children together for these early meetings. We turn the pages and read with a heart-throb on every page the difficulties, the hopes, the courage that prompted them to go on in spite of obstacles. We read that "some societies are in a very lax condition, attendance poor and collections irregular," while others are in a "flourishing condition." In June, 1885, there were 26 societies reported in the state with a total membership of 693 and finances paid in of \$669.00. What a far away time this seems! Members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society would truly say that "Tomorrow Wears Stars" if they even faintly dreamed that seventy-five years after the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild would have a membership of 14,738, and would pay over \$100,000 each year. I wonder if they could visualize our great organization with over 1,700,000 members and with over \$9,000,000 being given last year? Even with all this magnificent record, seventy-five years afterward, we can still say that some societies are in a "very lax condition, attendance poor, and collections irregular."

Everyone is challenged by horizons. I love mountains. I always like to imagine what is beyond, what lies over the far hills, what will be revealed from a high peak. Seventy-five years from now is over the far horizon. It will be 2029! Fortunately none of us has to pro-

ject ourselves into that distant day, but we might imagine what can take place, in the not too distant future, if we build as well on the foundations of our Woman's Society and Guild of today, as we built on the strong foundation our pioneer women laid for us. We can go anywhere from here if we realize our potentialities.

What are some of the ways in which we might make "Tomorrow Wear Stars?" We should improve the position of women in the church, increase our giving, train more workers and Crusade Scholars for work over-seas, be prepared to meet the Supreme Court's decision on segregation, uphold the United Nations and our freedom, and lastly consecrate ourselves more deeply.

I don't believe women of today realize how powerful we are, how rich in spiritual and material resources we are. Women have entered into almost every field of endeavor. Over 19,000,000 are gainfully employed; a tremendous increase during the past decade. From a reliable source I read that there are 10,000,000 Protestant women in America. Make no mistake, we are a potent force. The oppressed, hobbled and harnessed women of the rest of the world have seen our freedom, and that womanhood could and should be unhampered. We are examples to them—but not always the best examples.

Despite this upsurge of women in the world of business, women have been slow in finding their rightful place in the church. Women make up a large share of the church membership, but there are very few on the policy making bodies. It is hoped that within a few quadrenniums this will be changed and able women will be given equal representation on boards.

Since the last Conference a wonderful opportunity has been given a few women to serve on the official board of the local church. We may serve as leaven and become a transforming influence with our wide knowledge of missions, and our information about world needs and world conditions. We have but to stir the imaginations of the men of our church, and fire them with a sense of world mission, and we will see a tremendous advance in the years ahead. Men like to see, and touch, and know exactly how and where their money is going. We give them credit for enabling us to construct the many beautiful churches across America, but now we must acquaint them with the vision and possibility of sending missions around the world.

Those of you who remember our study on the "Life and Task of the Church Around the World" recall the great need for extending our work, how few Christians there are in countries about the world, how thin they are spread in many areas, and how difficult it is to staff our great schools and hospitals. In order for us to claim tomorrow we will have to increase our giving so that we will be able to become a vital force. We really know nothing of sacrifice, or true suffering and hardship. Listen to this excerpt from Helen Kim's letter written after her return to the beloved campus of Ewha Woman's University at Seoul, Korea—quote—"We cannot begin to express adequately what we feel so deeply every hour and every day we live and work on this campus from where the evil Communistic forces have been driven out. The contrast between the bondage of fear under Communist occupation and the joy of freedom that we have today is so marked that all our physical hardships do not make any impression on us. In fact the winter that is already here makes students and teachers blue-cold in the heatless and windowless buildings and rooms. Nobody minds it and nobody complains, because we are overwhelmed by every breath of freedom we enjoy. We are always conscious of the sacrifice of so many young lives that made our return possible. Every sand we tread upon is more precious than pearls, and the buildings once damaged look more wonderfully beautiful than before. Now is the time for all of you to come and visit us."

Jameson Jones, the past world president of the Methodist Student Movement told recently, when he was in New Orleans, about a visit he made among the people of Borneo. After talking to a group about



Christianity an old man clasped his hand, looked imploringly at him and said, "Oh, I knew you'd come back, or someone like you. Our leader went away many years ago, and we have prayed all these years for another, now you have come." Jameson Jones' heart was torn that he couldn't stay, on his trip around the world in the interest of students. Now we can report that they have workers again, for four former China missionaries, when forced to leave China, went to work in Borneo to join the first new missionaries. A new missionary residence has been built, a hostel for girls, a free clinic, with much of the money collected from native Christians. A new motor launch has been bought, for the main roadway is a mighty river. A launch makes the work more efficient in visiting the 50 churches and preaching places located up and down the river. Early in 1953 there were 1,300 baptized Christians. In 1940 there were none. Many new missionaries are needed. All over the world this story could be told over and over with just a change in scene. There is marvelous opportunity but no workers. Instead of expanding our work it is curtailed; in the face of growing Communism. Is this a way to claim Tomorrow?

One of the outstanding achievements of which we should be proud is the training of Crusade scholars, which we have made possible. Mrs. Frank Brooks' article in the March issue of the Methodist Woman gives a thrilling account of a number of them after their return to their homelands. Mabel Deane is the one and only Crusade scholar from Pakistan. She has been recently appointed principal of our Lucie Harrison Girl's School. She is the only woman in Pakistan, so far as the Methodist Church is concerned, who has the experience and necessary knowledge for carrying on this big responsibility. A friend has recently written from Pakistan telling of Mabel Deane's first chapel speech before her students. She told of her experiences in the United States, placing emphasis that there was never a moment when she was made to feel different from anyone else. She said because there was no discrimination against a foreign student she felt keenly the poor relationship between Pakistan and India. Miss Deane is a radiant Christian personality, and one of whom we can be proud. Money invested in this woman has already brought results and will bring more in the future. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have people like this all over the world who have received Christian training here in America?

It is within our power to help in the training of a young woman from India. Alexa McCain, our own Louisiana daughter who is at home recuperating from an illness, wrote me quite recently about a young woman she is helping to bring from Isabella Thoburn for study so that she may return as college librarian. She will replace one of our missionaries who will retire within three years. Alexa saved the Louisiana supply money sent her last year when she was in India, and it will be used to pay the passage for the student. Lake Charles is working to secure a tuition scholarship at Western Reserve University library school in Cleveland. There is no money for living expenses for this young woman. Wouldn't you like to have a share in making it possible for this young Indian girl to secure further training in America? I know some of you individually, or as societies will help make this possible.

One of the issues facing us in the near future will be the Supreme Court's decision on segregation in public schools. I think you know what the decision is going to be. Methodist women are going to be needed as never before to put their Christianity into action, and to help bridge a difficult time. We are going to have to demonstrate that we truly believe that God is no respecter of persons, and that He is the Father of all men. There are no rules laid down on how to react except those that Jesus Himself gave us in the Sermon on the Mount. I refer you to them.

If we are to look at the future with hope, so that it might be bright with stars, we are obliged to preserve some of the best values of today. That would surely be the United Nations—not in its entirety,



but surely we must be acquainted with the great advances and achievements it has made. We are indebted to Mrs. C. A. Bender in her recent visit to Louisiana for disseminating information about the U. N. There are vicious attacks being made against it, and unwarranted slanders perpetrated against it. We must know that it is one of our strongest bulwarks for peace. We must keep ourselves alert to combat the slurs and untruths spoken and written against the United Nations.

I plead with you to be, also, alert to the dangers against our freedom. Fear and hatred are stirring up turmoil and confusion. There is grave danger against our free speech. It seems that we are being poured into a mold of conformity. We are afraid to speak out for fear of being called a subversive. There is terrible danger in all thinking alike. We are tempted to keep quiet because of fear, we are afraid to pioneer. UNESCO and the U. N. are being branded, the teaching profession, and in time it may be a major church or a major political party. A committee that can hire a man who imagines 7,000 Communists among the Protestant clergy can be guilty of anything.

Protestantism is cast for its role as chief adversary of Communism. It has been Protestantism, in the main, which set the idea of freedom singing in the hearts of man. As missionaries went about the world they carried the idea of the worth and dignity of the individual and sowed this idea in minds of bonded people everywhere. It is no wonder that the little people in every land have arisen and made trouble for their masters. They want a better way of life for themselves and their children. This mass upheaval is not a Communistic movement but a rise against oppression. This vast upheaval presents the most challenging opportunity the Christian Church has confronted in perhaps a thousand years. How are we going to meet it?

If tomorrow is truly to wear stars of the first magnitude there is only one way to attain them, and that is by making Christ a living reality in our lives. God can take the most ordinary woman and develop her until there is no limit to her achievement. No limits or barriers are set by God. The opportunities are limitless, but it means complete surrender and a willingness to do His will. As we attend this meeting, and come to the close with the Communion Service, may this be a true commitment.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore in a recent article said, "We who work in the Board of Missions believe that the Gospel is not for an age, but for ages. We believe that God in Christ is leading the world back to Himself, and that by vision, fidelity and sacrifice of these who follow Christ this spiritual Kingdom is to grow more and more. We know the enormous forces released in the world today challenge our faith and courage, but we also know that Christ can never be turned back. Not for centuries has there been entrusted to the church an opportunity so searching, so responsible, and so tremendous as now."

The church needs many things but above all else it needs consecrated, devoted men and women who will give themselves wholly to Christ. Are you willing to do this, so that we may claim Tomorrow?

# REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Glenn Laskey

It is with genuine pleasure that I bring you this report showing steady progress of our work during the eight years I have served as your president. These have been years filled with many rich experiences and happy relationships, with many of you. My life has been blessed and my Christian experience deepened by my work with the great Methodist Church, its many boards, and the wonderful Woman's Society of Christian Service.

As I have visited in the districts and local societies, I have come to know and love hundreds of you, for yourselves and for your tireless work for the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. I have been keenly aware of your love and devotion, and your prayers of faith have undergirded me in all that I have tried to do and have inspired and uplifted me during times of joy and of heart-break. I want to thank you with all my heart for giving me the opportunity to serve you and my church.

Much of the work of the church consists of attending meetings, and an account of all these would sound like a travel-guide. Twice I have had the privilege of representing you and the Methodist Church as a delegate to General Conference in Boston and in San Francisco, and to the Jurisdiction Conferences in El Paso and Wichita, Kansas. Two Assemblies have met during my term of office in Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio, and you graciously sent me to the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Division at Buck Hill Falls, Penn. Other meetings have been attended concerning our work in many cities, and I have been in every section of Louisiana countless times in the interest of the Guild, Woman's Society, boards and committees of the Church.

No yardstick can be applied to measure real values, but figures do have a way of showing growth and development. No one can measure how Methodist women have grown and deepened their spiritual lives, how through study and service their prejudices have become eradicated, how their vision has broadened as they have learned of the outreach of the work around the world, how courage and valor have triumphed as they have spoken out, and voted against wrongs in their communities, how the love of God has transformed their lives--only the recording angel has an account of these intangible values. But some gains are measurable and I have made a comparative study, that is of necessity abbreviated, that I hope you will find of interest. I have used the year 1941 as a beginning year, the year 1946 the year I began my term of office, and 1953-54 present figures as of now.

	1941	1946	1953-54
No. Societies .....	262	250	313
No. Guilds .....	38	59	86
WSCS Members .....	10,360	9,304	12,883
Guild Members .....	642	1,173	1,855
WSCS Pledge .....	\$31,000	\$37,500	\$91,999
Guild Pledge .....	\$ 1,385	4,538	\$10,454
Week of Prayer .....	2,407	5,330	7,330
Supplies .....	5,245	8,960	17,729
Sub. to W. O. ....	1,377	2,224	1,494
Sub. M. W. ....	1,211	2,580	3,622
C. S. R. ....	\$29,091	\$41,374	\$76,050

My sincere thanks go to all the capable, loyal, devoted women who have served in Conference, District and Local Societies and Guilds, who have guided our organization to new heights of service. Without you no part of this work would be possible. It is you who have developed the program and have actively participated in many fields of service.

No matter how we point with pride to our achievement and advances we know in our hearts that we are a long way from our ultimate goals. There are discouraging losses in membership each year, despite our gain in new members. We need to have each district 100 per cent organized with 100 per cent reporting. We have too few people wanting to assume responsibility as officers, and too few young people choosing the church as their life objective. We need to increase our giving as we extend our work around the world. We want the disastrous state of the world with fear, hatred, unrest and materialism rampart. All too often we fail to demonstrate our Christianity in our lives and in our communities. Too often we contribute to this unrest instead of being islands of serenity in a stormy sea.

As a new president takes over the leadership of the great Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service may we pledge her our love and devotion, our loyal support and cooperation. May we rise to new heights of Christian discipleship by consecrating our whole lives to the service of Christ, our Lord and truly demonstrate that He can claim Tomorrow.

## REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENT

All district Vice-Presidents are reporting **more** use of the PROGRAM material, **more correlation** of the Program Material with the approved studies, **more Planned action** as an outgrowth of study, **more COMMITTEES ON PROGRAM meeting regularly** to plan the programs for the societies.

The Vice-President has a most important office, for through the effective presentation of the Program Material the members learn of and give to the work of the Woman's Division.

The District and Local Vice-Presidents are carrying on the work of their office in a fine way and I am grateful for all that they do.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick,  
Conference Vice-President

## RECOMMENDATIONS

"The significance of the Leadership of the Vice-President in the areas of program building and interpreting the World Federation of Methodist women cannot be emphasized too greatly"—The Hand Book for the Vice-President.

Therefore the recommendations for the Vice-President are:

1. That the Vice-President secure the needed materials and tools to equip herself to fulfill the responsibilities of her office.

THE HANDBOOK for the VICE-PRESIDENT.

Calendar of Activities—May issue of the METHODIST WOMAN.  
Program and Worship Books: EXCEPT THE LORD KEEP THE CITY. THE WORLD WITNESS OF METHODIST WOMEN.

The Fourteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Division.

File of:

The Methodist Woman  
The World Outlook  
DO YOU KNOW—Filed leaflets.

2. Each **District Vice-President:**

- A. Should attend the Conference School of Missions, including the Clinic and Work Shop.
- B. Should seek every opportunity for further training.
- C. Should promote the use of the monthly Program Material published by the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

3. Each **Local Vice-President:**

- A. Must recognize her responsibility of working cooperatively and effectively with other members of the Program Committee.



- B. Must recognize that on the strength of the PROGRAM in the local society the membership and giving is determined.
- C. That it takes dedication and skill to perform her task.
4. Each **Local Vice-President** seek to have action follow the monthly program as well as the study, for action contributes to the "On-going" program of the W. S. C. S.
5. That the World Federation of Methodist Women be presented once a quarter in each society.
  - A. Prayer on page 29 of the HANDBOOK for VICE-PRESIDENTS
  - B. Bits of news concerning work of Methodist Women in other countries taken from the Methodist Woman, and the World Outlook.
  - C. By promoting friendship through correspondence with women in other units.
  - D. By seeking ways to fulfill the Quadrennial goals listed on Page 29.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick

Vice-President Louisiana Conference

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee recommends:

1. That the Pledge to Missions to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the year 1954-55 be \$93,000.00.
2. That the Districts' Pledge to Conference be:

Alexandria .....	\$ 9,710.00
Baton Rouge .....	13,850.00
Lake Charles .....	15,400.00
Monroe .....	16,148.00
New Orleans .....	13,150.00
Ruston .....	12,810.00
Shreveport .....	19,250.00

**\$100,318.00**

(It is understood that the Pledges for the Districts affected by the organization of the eighth District will be adjusted according to the membership lost to the new District, which amounts will be considered to be the Lafayette District Pledge.)

3. That the Budget for 1954-55 be as follows:

Officers Expense .....	\$ 800.00
Annual Conference .....	900.00
Conference Executive Meeting .....	200.00
Jurisdiction Meeting .....	350.00
Conference School of Missions .....	350.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions .....	400.00
Christian Social Relations .....	300.00
CSR Workshop .....	60.00
Conference Minutes .....	700.00
Stationery .....	50.00
Student Regional Conference .....	75.00
Christian Career Clinics .....	200.00
Automobile Insurance .....	225.00
Automobile Expense .....	200.00
Conference Youth Director .....	600.00
Cooperative Meetings .....	250.00
WSG Cultivation .....	690.00
Division Cultivation .....	40.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation .....	525.00
Officers' Training Day .....	150.00
Miscellaneous .....	253.00

**\$7,318.00**

4. That each local Society increase its giving by approximately 7 per cent to help meet the \$500,000 annual increase which the Woman's Division has set to meet the increasing needs.



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE  
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**

**June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954**

	Balance 5-31-53	Additions	Deductions	Balance 5-31-54
Minden Bk. & Tr. Co. ....	\$ 779.70	\$143,725.65	\$139,548.28	\$4,957.07
1st Nat'l., S'port (Sav.) ....	2,500.00		2,500.00	
	<u>\$3,279.70</u>	<u>\$143,725.65</u>	<u>\$142,048.28</u>	<u>\$4,957.07</u>

**Designated Funds:**

Alcohol Education Fund ..		3,000.00	3,000.00	
Cultivation Fund .....	3,279.70	7,150.00	7,404.75	
Refunds to Cultivation:				
Reimbursement for funds used used to complete payment of				
Pledge, 1951-52 .....		1,500.00		
Conference Collections .....		277.45		
Sale of Lunches at Con. ....		388.00		
WSG Con. Refund .....		98.13		
Int. on Savings .....		50.00		
Sale of Annual Report .....		31.00		
Additional Sales—"His- tory of WSCS" .....		36.00		5,405.53
Rural Worker's Car (Due) .....		1,655.54	2,104.00	448.46
Deaconess & Missionary Ret. Fund .....		776.04	776.04	
	<u>\$3,279.70</u>	<u>\$ 14,962.16</u>	<u>\$ 13,284.79</u>	<u>\$4,957.07</u>

**CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

**Receipts:**

	Total Pledged	Paid on Pledge
Districts		
Alexandria .....	\$ 9,766.00	\$ 10,213.95
Baton Rouge .....	14,145.00	15,716.82
Lake Charles .....	14,763.00	15,179.57
Monroe .....	15,325.00	15,694.99
New Orleans .....	12,135.00	13,061.38
Ruston .....	13,486.00	13,021.78
Shreveport .....	18,530.00	26,018.25

Totals .....	\$98,150.00	\$108,901.24
Children .....		409.51
MYF .....		3,650.42

Total on Appropriations .....	\$112,961.17
Supplies .....	13,936.30
Week of Prayer .....	7,562.25
Supplementary Gifts .....	572.00
Alcohol Education Fund .....	2,881.37
Rural Worker's Car .....	1,655.54
Deaconess & Ret. Miss. Fund .....	776.04
Refunds to Cultivation .....	880.58

Total Receipts .....	\$141,225.25
(Less Reserve for Cultivation, \$7,150.00)	
Balance in Bank as of June 1, 1953 .....	3,279.70

Total To Be Accounted For ..... **\$144,504.95**

**Disbursements:**

WDCS-WSCS Pledge .....	\$74,205.70
In Rem. ....	669.90
Juris. Projects .....	1,362.25

Special Mbrshps. ....	11,565.00
WSG—Pledge .....	10,705.44
In Rem. ....	35.00
Juris. Projects .....	67.95
Special Mbrshps. ....	1,295.00

Total on Pledge .....	\$ 99,906.24
Children .....	409.51
MYF .....	3,650.42
Supplies—WSCS .....	11,744.17
Supplies—WSG .....	2,192.13
Sup. Gifts—Norris Scholarship .....	17.00
E. Thompson .....	345.00
Anna Givens .....	285.00
Eva Dear Tuition .....	250.00
Lois Cooper .....	20.00
Week of Prayer—WSCS .....	6,684.38
Week of Prayer—WSG .....	877.87

Total to WDCS .....	\$126,381.72
Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation .....	2,881.37
(\$118.63 from Cult. Fund to make \$3,000)	
Station Wagon for Rural Worker .....	3,104.00
Deaconess & Missionary Retirement Fund .....	776.04
Conference Cultivation:	

	Budgeted	Disbursed
Officers' Expense .....	\$ 800.00	\$ 706.83
Annual Conference .....	800.00	1,890.96*
Conference Exec. Meeting .....	200.00	315.41
Assembly & Juris. Meeting .....	500.00	460.00
Conf. School of Missions .....	350.00	350.00
Juris. School of Missions .....	400.00	400.00
C.S.R. & L.C.A. ....	300.00	300.00
CSR&LCA Workshop .....	60.00	60.00
Annual Report .....	650.00	699.42*
Stationery .....	50.00	
Student Reg. Conf. ....	75.00	150.00
Auto Insurance .....	225.00	127.30
Auto Expense .....	200.00	1.00
Conf. Youth Director .....	600.00	150.00
Cooperative Meetings .....	200.00	16.67
WSG Cultivation .....	463.50	879.66*
Division Cultivation .....	35.75	35.75
Jurisdiction Cultivation .....	501.50	512.26
Officers' Training Day .....	150.00	
Miscellaneous—Check Charges .....	589.25	8.35
"History of WSCS" .....		222.41*
Alcohol Fund .....		118.63
	<u>\$7,150.00</u>	<u>\$7,404.75</u>

Total Disbursements .....	\$139,547.88
Balance in Bank as of May 31, 1954 .....	4,957.07

Total Accounted for ..... \$144,504.95

\* Denotes a refund to these accounts—see amounts under "Designated Funds".

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Conference Treasurer  
June 10, 1954

Officers and Directors  
Woman's Society of Christian Service  
Louisiana Conference

I have made an examination of the books and accounts of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Conference, for a five-year period beginning June 1, 1949, and ending May 31, 1954. In connection therewith, I have prepared the balance sheets for each fiscal year and the related statements of cash receipts and disbursements for the periods then ended, testing the accounting records and other supporting data by methods and to the extent deemed appropriate. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures considered necessary.

In my opinion, the balance sheets and related statements of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the financial condition of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Conference, at May 31, 1950 thru 1954, and the results of its operations for the periods then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Pearce Jamieson

## **PROMOTION REPORT**

**Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary**

During the past year, we have seen gains in almost every area. We have a total of 313 societies, a net gain of 9 over last year. There are 88 guild units with a net gain of 5. Our membership reports show 13,062 in the Woman's Society, and 1926 in the Guild, with a total adult membership of 15,041, a net gain of 516 members. We have 7 societies 100 per cent organized, having every Methodist woman in the church a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. We have a total of 22 district members and one district—Lake Charles—is 100 per cent organized.

Our leadership training opportunities included a Conference-wide training of district officers last spring, with 86 in attendance. The filmstrip "Widening Fellowship" has been used by 15 groups over the conference.

It is our hope and prayer that our fellowship will widen until every Methodist woman will have the joy of serving a World Christian Community.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended:

1. That the Secretary of Promotion pay particular attention to the plans proposed by the Woman's Division, as they appear in the May, 1954, issue of *The Methodist Woman*, to re-vitalize the present membership and win new members. It is further recommended that this emphasis be related to the second goal—"Widening Fellowship."
2. That when new material is prepared for newly-organized Societies, Guilds and new members, the distribution and use of said material be promoted to the fullest extent.
3. That the responsibility for publicity be assigned to some officer of the executive committee on conference, district, and local level.
4. That Conference Secretaries of Promotion cooperate to the fullest extent if a Public Relations Seminar, similar to the one held in New York for the Standing Committee on Organization and Promotion, is set up in the Jurisdiction.
5. That in the 1954 Summer Schools, the clinics for secretaries of promotion be a follow-up of the workshop on "The Work and Organization of the Woman's Society", and that secretaries of promotion on all levels avail themselves of summer school opportunities.
6. That each local secretary be urged to study carefully the printed instructions on page 1 of the Record and Report Book for the Local Society, especially as it pertains to "Reporting the Membership" which should result in more accurate reporting.

7. That we continue to promote visitation and cultivation through plans best suited to meet the need of each conference, and that we encourage visitation and cultivation in the local groups toward the end that all societies may be 100 per cent in membership.
8. That we continue to work toward 100 per cent organization of each district by the organizing of new Societies and Guilds and the securing of District Members in those places where a full or modified plan is not possible.
9. That the Program Committee of the Society of the local church again be asked to include a Recognition Day in the regular monthly program, in which a resume of the accomplishments and a presentation of future plans might form the program.
10. That secretaries on all levels study The Handbook for Secretaries of Promotion.
11. That Leadership Training Days on local, district, sub-district, and conference levels continue to be used as a means of interpreting the purpose and program of the Woman's Society and the function of the lines of work.
12. That conference secretaries continue to encourage the itineration of Field Workers and Missionaries and that great care be exercised in:  
(a) using the person at the place of greatest need (b) advance publicity (c) wisely planned schedule and (d) giving of all information asked for on itineration blanks preceding the speakers use in a conference.



**WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**  
**THE METHODIST CHURCH LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**  
**Third Quarterly Report, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary**  
**1953 - 1954**

Organization:

	Alexandria	Baton Rouge	Lake Charles	Monroe	New Orleans	Ruston	Shreveport	Conference Totals
No. Soc.	38	53	39	53	43	40	47	313
Net Gain Soc.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
No. Guilds	11	12	15	12	12	9	17	88
Net Gain, Units	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
No. Unorg. Churches	23	23	0	14	15	36	4	115
No. Unorg. Circuits	3	12	0	9	10	22	2	58
No. Soc. Rep.	38	39	36	53	43	40	47	296
% Report.	100%	74%	92%	100%	100%	100%	100%	91%
New Mem. W.S.C.S.	22	40	82	48	103	19	65	382
Tot. Mem. W.S.C.S.	1200	2004	1990	1828	1779	1613	2648	13,062
New Mem. Guild	1	6	10	8	19	8	8	60
Tot. Mem. Guild	201	222	323	333	237	250	360	1,926
Dist. Mem.	0	0	15	24	0	3	11	53
Tot. Adult Mem.	1401	2226	2328	2225	2016	1866	3019	15,041
New 100% Societies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total 100% Societies	1	0	2	3	0	0	1	7
<b>SECRETARIES</b>								
Miss. Ed. and Serv.	34	36	34	53	36	37	45	276
CSR & LCA	35	37	34	53	39	37	44	279
Student Work	20	35	31	46	20	27	36	215
Youth Work	26	21	29	44	25	27	40	212
Child. Work	28	20	31	44	24	30	42	219
Spirit. Life	35	23	35	52	43	35	44	247
Lit. & Pub.	35	23	34	52	32	33	45	254
Supply Work	32	36	35	50	34	35	36	253
Status of Women	22	18	31	37	24	30	30	192
<b>COMMITTEES</b>								
Spirit. Life	25	17	30	50	26	31	43	222
CSR & LCA	23	20	30	53	13	32	41	212
Program	21	22	32	53	13	35	47	223
Finance	19	20	27	53	12	25	47	203
Membership	13	16	22	37	12	18	38	166
Status of Women	11	11	23	35	13	17	35	145

Publicity	8	15	21	36	11	18	35	144
<b>FINANCE</b>								
No. Societies	38	49	27	51	39	37	44	286
Send. Rer								
Sent Cash	25	37	22	48	23	28	33	216
Supp.								
Sent Boxes	16	7	7	0	19	16	31	96
Supplies								
<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>								
Meth. Women	346	286	576	649	534	487	776	3,654
No. Soc. Every	4	8	11	12	7	8	12	62
Off. Sub.								
W. Outlook	136	148	257	262	241	182	350	1,576
No. Soc. Every	1	8	2	1	2	0	21	16
Off. Sub.								
App. Study	22	25	26	53	29	31	42	228
Courses								
Prayer Group	21	14	18	43	22	13	49	180
Missionary	2	0	4	2	10	5	11	39
Speakers								

### ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

In this, our second year of the quadrennium, the Alexandria District is continuing to keep before the women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the goals so "That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized."

In the 38 societies we have a total of 1200 members and 201 members in 11 Wesleyan Service Guilds. A new society has been formed in the Bethel Church at Deville.

Our district fully paid its conference pledge last year and is well on its way to meeting this year's quota. The district is cooperating in the Treasure Chest plan and hopes to pay more than its pledge to missions.

Zone meetings have been held in each zone every quarter with the district officers doing a splendid job of promoting their line of work at these meetings and also in correspondence with their local officers. Reporting has improved to the point that Alexandria District has reported 100 per cent for the last two quarters.

The educational seminar held in September was well attended and the four studies were capably presented by two conference and two district officers.

The district has a total of 346 subscriptions to The Methodist Woman and 136 to World Outlook. New prayer groups are constantly being formed throughout the district and established ones are continuing their much needed work. Many societies have already reported programs concerning the World Federation of Methodist Women and many more will be held before the close of the year. Week of Prayer and Self-Denial and World Day of Prayer were observed in the district, with many societies reporting a Student Recognition Day and United Nations Day.

As our work progresses through the year, we feel that the women of Alexandria District are doing their best, "That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. W. Tebow

### BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

The quadrennial goals were presented again in five Zone meetings with special emphasis on Widening Fellowship and the use of the Treasure Chests. Our Officers Training was in groups of five churches. It was also continued in Zone Meetings and personal visits by District Officers. The District Seminar was held in First Church, Baton Rouge, with 175 in attendance. All studies were presented by District Officers and one Conference Officer, Mrs. Warren Constant. Literature sales amounted to \$187.96.

We regret that our reporting is not improving. The Societies have not yet realized the importance of on time reporting, especially. We have added one new Society, one W. S. G. and have two prospects. Next year our aim is definite cultivation of unorganized circuits and charges to see if we can become 100 per cent organized.

At the end of this third quarter we have 53 Societies and 12 W.S.G. The total membership is 2,152, including 201 W.S.G., with 42 new Society members added this year. Subscriptions to Methodist Woman have increased. The treasurer reports \$3,939.57 has been paid on pledges and \$697.75 on Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Hugh Wagner

#### **LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT**

Lake Charles District became 100 per cent ORGANIZED in May, 1953, by the addition of a total of 18 District Members in the unorganized churches and circuits. Although we have lost the society in the Interdenominational Church, Ridge has combined with Indian Bayou Society, and Jeanerette is held by only a District Member now, we have 39 societies, 15 Guilds, and 15 District Members to make a total membership of 2,328. Four new societies have been added this year, namely: Wesley at DeRidder, Pine Grove, Holly Grove, and Cameron.

We in the district have tried to encourage the women to do more willingly the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and thus, be drawn closer together in the fellowship of Christ. In May the District Officers, by word and chart, promoted and summarized their year's work at the District Meeting. Then Mrs. Warren Constant challenged each individual with the needs of the world as outlined at Buck Hill Falls. The following day five District and two Conference Officers attended Conference Leadership Training Day in Alexandria.

Leadership Training on the local level was held at the four spring Zone Meetings. One extra was held at Kaplan on Sunday in cooperation with the Guild.

Two Seminars were held in September with women from within the district presenting the studies for the first time. This idea was received well.

Fall Zone Meetings emphasized The Circle of the WSCS by means of a panel. Two minute reports from local presidents and a guest speaker completed that program.

In February Mrs. C. A. Bender addressed our women at Lafayette on the work of the United Nations. Interest in this phase of CSR was evident by the excellent attendance.

The highlight of the year has been the Caravan Visitation of teams of two District or Conference Officers in each local society. These women visited 33 societies; 3 had just been visited when the plan began; and 3 were not reached. An evaluation of this plan showed the devotion of Methodist women to the task at hand, increased enthusiasm as a clearer picture of the total program of the Division was presented, the discovery of a vast supply of leadership, and the warm Christian Fellowship and appreciation displayed as our officers shared their time and talents throughout our district.

With additional giving in Treasure Chests we pray that our pledge will be met this year. At the end of the third quarter \$8,000 had been paid.

We look to the future with a desire to strive to please Him in all that we do.

Respectively submitted,

Mrs. Roy Dugas,

Secretary of Promotion

#### **MONROE DISTRICT**

It is time again to look in retrospect at another year—1954-55. It hardly seems like 12 months ago we were making new pledges and new resolutions, and hoping for a better chapter as we turn the pages of our District WSCS history. But it's here again—time to change date

lines. But whether the past year was good or bad; even if our mistakes outweighed the successes, we now have a new year to look to. Your district secretary of promotions owes a great debt of gratitude to the membership over the district in making this one of our very best years. The work of the district officers and zone leaders contributed greatly to our work, "That the Kingdom of God might be realized."

This year three societies reported 'every woman a member of the WSCS.' Two new societies have been organized, making a total of 53 societies, and 12 Wesleyan Service Guilds. The combined membership is 2,225. We now have 9 unorganized circuits and 14 unorganized churches in our district.

Our financial contributions have increased along every line. The treasure chests have been well received.

Additional activities of the District Secretary of Promotion in the area of education and cultivation:

2,406 miles traveled (approx.) in the interest of the work.

1,560 cultivation leaflets sent out to organized and unorganized churches.

1,800 monthly news sheets sent out, 250 postal cards, 215 letters, 300 instruction sheets sent in the interest of the work.

10 Officers' Training Days held in zones and local societies.

We continue our 100 per cent reporting each quarter and will continue to strive for 100 per cent reporting to every district officer.

The Lord calls us today for service for Him, wherever you go, whatever you do. Are you willing to pay the price of discipleship? Much is said in the Bible about the walk of God's people, and "the steps of a good man are ordered in the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. M. L. DeFreese,  
Secretary of Promotion

### NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Our Quadrennial Goals have been kept before the societies and we are happy to report that New Orleans District has advanced in all areas during the past year. The District was organized into four Zones, we have four new societies; four new Wesleyan Service Guilds, 176 new members, (a total of 2,018), more study classes were held, we have 534 subscriptions to the Methodist Woman and 241 to World Outlook, and for the first time our Pledge to Missions was overpaid, the final report over \$900.00 above our apportioned pledge.

Reporting has greatly improved. Statistics are more accurate and for the third quarter, almost every officer had a 100 per cent report for her Conference Secretary.

We regret that eight of our active societies will be transferred to the new District. They have added greatly to the success of our work in the New Orleans District. Because of their faithfulness in carrying out the work of the Woman's Division, we know they will make a valuable contribution to the work of the New District, through informed and consecrated women.

New societies have been organized at Fitzgerald, Lacombe, Luling and Destrehan and plans are being made to organize a society at the new church planned for Marrero. We have 7 unorganized societies and we feel sure that we shall soon be able to report our district, organized 100 per cent.

We feel a deep sense of unity has been realized through the many Prayer Groups in our societies. Every Society has a Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. All our efforts would be in vain if we were not at all times conscious of the fact that we are about our "Father's Business." Our goal for the coming year is to have a Prayer Group in



every society. We know not, the way that lies before us, but we enter a New Year with courage and confidence, knowing we shall be led aright by our Father, who never fails those who put their trust in Him.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. George O. Willis

#### **RUSTON DISTRICT**

There has been a slight gain of membership in the Ruston District during the past year. Today there are 1,619 members in the 40 Woman's Societies and 250 members in the 9 Guilds which make a total of 1,869 Ruston District women working "that the Kingdom of God may be realized." For the first three quarters of this year these women have given \$8,393.09 towards their pledge to missions, \$822.68 for Supply Work, \$1,065.52 during Week of Prayers, \$26.75 through children's work and \$191.61 on the alcohol fund. Five baby and eleven adult memberships have been given during this period.

A very successful missionary Seminar was held in September at Trinity Church under the leadership of Mrs. J. J. Briehn, our district secretary of Missionary Education and Service. There was a good attendance with great interest in the four studies that were presented. Mrs. C. A. Bender from the Woman's Division spent a day in Ruston during February. She talked to the young people of the Tech Class at Trinity Church in the morning, to the Ruston and Monroe district women in the afternoon and to the congregation of Grace Church for their evening meeting.

It is with a bit of pride that we are able to state that for the second and third quarters we were 100 per cent in reporting. However it is with a great deal of chagrin that we must report 22 unorganized circuits and 36 unorganized churches in our district.

During this 75th anniversary of the organization of the Woman's work in the Louisiana Conference I make this report with an humble spirit and a deep appreciation for all the good work that has been done in Ruston district by the many consecrated women who preceded me. I hope that those who read it will feel that the torch they handed to the present district officers has been kept burning as they had dreamed that it should in order to spread the light from our Heavenly Father into the uttermost parts of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr.

#### **SHREVEPORT DISTRICT**

Having accepted the price of **Christian Discipleship**, women of the Shreveport District have shared in a widening fellowship in time, service, money, study, prayer, thought and conviction to meet emerging needs. For this privilege and avenue of progress we are deeply grateful to God.

We are reporting 47 Societies, 5 new; Bethel and Ellerbee Methodist at Forbing, having been organized at the close of the previous year; Many by transfer in; Barksdale and Converse. (Cross Roads to be reported in last quarter) bringing our total to 48. Unorganized Circuits and Churches have been reduced to 1 and 3 by 15 District members being added to our roll. To East Point goes the honor of being our first 100 per cent Society in Church membership. We now have 3,019 adult members; 2,659 in WSCS; 360 in WSG, with a net gain of 211.

\$15,016.34 has been paid on our pledge of \$18,530.00 by WSCS and WSG with \$1,241.23 cash for Supplies. Week of Prayer offering is \$1,242.77. When all pledge money and Treasure Chest gifts come in we will again over pay and go the "Second Mile" in our gifts. Increases along all lines show in more Secretaries and Committees. 776 subscriptions to The Methodist Woman; an increase of 209 with 12 Societies having all officers and secretaries subscribing and reading; 350 to The World Outlook; an increase of 62 with 2 Societies having all officers and secretaries subscribing and reading. All Societies have Finance Committees and use Program Material — More Prayer Groups — Using Prayer Calendar; More approved Study Classes with increase

in numbers with definite results show the value of the School of Missions and the Seminars (WSCS and WSG) planned and carried out by District Women. Missionary Speakers and invitation visitation by Conference and District officers have added to local interest and growth as well as officer training. We plan to do more thorough officer training.

Zone meetings were both profitable and interesting using "The Widening Fellowship" theme, with "Charting the Course" promoting the goals.

The C.S.R. and L.C.A. workshop on Centenary Campus with Mrs. C. A. Bender and other speakers was truly a time of "thinking, learning and working together." Our retiring President, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, on invitation of our District Superintendent, Dr. B. C. Taylor, very ably presented our work at the District Church Conference. Dr. Taylor and various pastors have given leadership and full cooperation in promotion and organization. There are areas yet unmet, but we will use all available resources to meet these needs and will continue to proclaim the World Mission of the Church as we work together.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Promotion Secretary

### **MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE**

Mrs. Warren Constant, Secretary

When we invest in stocks and bonds we expect dividends. So it is in Missionary Education and Service. Let us look at our investment and see what our dividends are for the past year.

Twenty-three societies are without secretaries for this department. Shreveport had 100 per cent reporting for the first and second quarters and Baton Rouge the third quarter. There has been an increase in the number of societies reporting action following monthly programs, from 22 to 35. A steady increase is seen in reading circles, libraries, and the use of missionary materials in monthly programs.

Our study program continues to be of the highest quality. To date there have been 120 accredited classes, twelve of these were in the Wesleyan Service Guild. 8,545 enrolled in 506 approved study classes.

The 1953 School of Missions and Christian Service was held on the campus of Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, August 24-28, with a total attendance of 245. The Board of Education issued 189 credits. The four approved studies were taught by accredited teachers; four workshops, and eight departmental clinics were conducted.

During the last two weeks of September, the eight District Educational Seminars were held with a total attendance of 1,216. Of the 313 societies in the Conference 211 were represented; 89 of the 290 secretaries of Missionary Education were present.

Seventeen societies have missionary projects, amounting to \$1,-060.00. The Louisiana Conference supports seven missionaries at foreign projects.

It is up to each secretary of Missionary Education to see that there is a surplus of positive dividends, so that our investment will be justified. Each secretary has an obligation to every woman in the Woman's Society of Christian Service—an obligation to increase within the heart of each the desire to share Christ with all the world and to find more adequate and effective ways of doing so. That each of us may fulfill this obligation is my prayer for you.

Recommendations for this Department, and the calendar of the Schools of Missions follow:

### **RECOMMENDATIONS MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE**

It is recommended:

1. That Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service encourage, and seek to plan definitely for, tours to Woman's Division projects within the Conference and/or beyond.
2. That Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service study and study again the quadrennial theme, "That the Kingdom of God May

Be Realized" with its six points of emphasis, in relation to the total program of Missionary Education, in order to give guidance to local societies concerning ways in which the plans for Missionary Education may be used to help realize these goals.

3. That Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service work toward the following objectives in Missionary Education: (A) To use studies, visual aids, missionary speakers, and other methods and materials to create an atmosphere in which the "Mind for Missions" will develop (B) To interpret the study program as a continuing experience in Christian growth, from which changed attitudes, widened horizons, and a keener awareness of community needs will result—rather than a series of isolated studies based on single text books; (C) To help local societies discover opportunities in which they can share in interpreting Missions to the entire church; (D) To know the plans and opportunities of the Church for the Missionary Education of all age groups.
4. That Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service encourage the use of the Prayer Calendar as a source of missionary information, as well as a devotional guide, calling attention to the "Do You Know" booklet as helpful resource materials to use with the Prayer Calendar.
5. That Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service encourage the use of ALL the approved study courses of the Woman's Division in Cooperative Classes as well as in Church-wide classes.
6. That district and local societies and individuals, keep in close touch with the WORKERS through correspondence and all personal contacts possible, such as (A) Increased opportunities for them to speak before local church, district, and conference groups, (B) Through visitation with local women in the centers of work, (C) Through participation in community projects.
7. That district and local secretaries of Missionary Education and Service channel all available missionary information to the local societies and urge the distribution and full use of such materials.
8. That district and local secretaries of Missionary Education and Service STUDY AND EXPLAIN to local societies MISSIONARY PROJECTS, HOME AND FOREIGN.

#### **1954 SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

**Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana**

**August 2-6, 1954**

**Dean: Mrs. Robley Davis**

**Theme: Show Us Anew Thy Wondrous Power.**

**Lines of work emphasized:**

1. Vice-President
2. Secretary of Promotion
3. Secretary of Missionary Education and Service
4. Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities
5. Secretary of Spiritual Life
6. Secretary of Children's Work
7. Secretary of Literature and Publications
8. Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild

#### **CLASSES:**

- I. THE CITY
- II. INDIA, PAKISTAN, AND CEYLON
- III. THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE
- IV. JESUS' TEACHINGS CONCERNING WOMEN

#### **WORKSHOPS:**

- I. THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AT WORK
- II. THE ORGANIZATION AND WORK OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
- III. METHODIST WOMEN AND THE UNITED NATIONS
- IV. TEACHING—PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES



## REPORT OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Secretary

A better percentage of reporting from Societies this year has shown how tremendously active our women have been in all areas of the work of Christian Social Relations. Local Church Activities always play a leading role, and this year has been no exception. The Attendance Crusade now being conducted in our churches has been the occasion for extra "Fellowship" activities this last quarter.

One of the most satisfying events of the year has been the United Nations Workshops with Mrs. C. A. Bender of the Department of Christian Social Relations in the New York office as special Speaker. Mrs. Bender addressed not only the Woman's Societies, but also the Guilds and Student groups at various Student Centers. In all she spoke seventeen times in six different towns. A number of the Workshops were interracial, and groups other than Methodists attended, especially those directly interested in the ongoing of the U. N.

The Wesleyan Service Guild has elected a Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Miss Emma Kuntz of New Orleans. Miss Kuntz is helping to relay information to Guilds and will attempt a simple method of reporting from the Guilds, so that a better record of their many fine activities may be kept.

The Guilds also have been following the lead of the Woman's Societies in having the Study "Alcohol and a Christian's Responsibility." In view of the fact that the Guilds have been asked to contribute 25c per member the same as members of Societies to assist the work in our high schools, now being carried on by the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, this is a good sign. However, the number of those studying "Alcohol" compared with those studying "Jeremiah" is small in both groups and therefore somewhat disappointing.

More and more the women are discovering that they are a power in government and are writing letters to Congressmen as never before. This indicates study and thought, and a greater and more satisfying understanding of their responsibilities as citizens.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Receipts:

October 12 Deficit .....		\$ 5.84
October 16 Received from Conference Treasurer	\$100.00	
February 6 Received from Conference Treasurer	100.00	
February 6 Received for Workshop .....	60.00	\$260.00
Total .....	\$260.00	\$254.16

#### Disbursements:

Stamps and Mailing .....	\$ 37.26	
Stationery .....	11.50	
Telephone and Telegraph .....	28.67	
Mimeographing .....	20.25	
Literature .....	1.20	
Board of Peace "Courier" .....	1.00	
Information Service .....	2.50	
United Nations Workshops .....	107.17	
Total .....	\$209.55	\$209.55

Balance on hand, March 15, 1954 ..... \$ 44.61

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS 1954 - 1955

#### THE UNITED NATIONS:

Since we believe that it is better to battle with words rather than with guns, we continue to feel that the United Nations Organization is our best hope for peace. And in view of the fact that certain groups are "moving into" our state with speakers and propaganda opposed to it,



### **We recommend**

That all Societies study further the accomplishments of the U. N., both in its Specialized Agencies and the various Councils; that we let our Senators and Representatives know that we wish the United States to continue its backing by making the proper appropriations, as well as with moral support.

### **LOUISIANA YOUTH COMMISSION:**

Since one of the main concerns of the Woman's Societies of Christian Service is with children and youth, and since we now have in our state a Commission dedicated to studying the problems and needs of our own youth,

### **We recommend**

That we work toward the end that the regular appropriation be made at the coming session of the Legislature for the Youth Commission, and that we back them in their attempt to get adequate facilities for the detention of Negro girls, and for other children not necessarily "delinquent" but who have come into custody of the law.

### **LOUISIANA STATE POLICE:**

Since we believe that the Superintendent of State Police has been doing an excellent job in enforcing the laws having to do with gambling, slot machines and narcotic drugs,

### **We recommend**

That we oppose any attempt to remove the power now given to the State Police to enforce such laws in all parishes, and that we watch all legislation introduced at the next session of the Legislature that might effect such a change.

### **ALCOHOL EDUCATION:**

Since we believe the time to inform our young people about the evils of alcohol is before they begin to drink,

### **We recommend**

That for the remainder of the Quadrennium, i.e. until June, 1956, we continue to assess ourselves 25c per member for each Society and Guild, for the support of a member of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation to continue alcohol education in the high schools.

### **NON-SEGREGATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS:**

Since the Supreme Court will make some decision before long on the various cases now before it having to do with segregation in the public schools, and since our Constitution grants equal rights to all men, it is generally expected that the decision will favor non-segregation. Here is our Church's challenge to action. As members, we have the power, the potential ability, the moral foundation of our Christian belief, to help bring about a change in the schools that will be acceptable to all. Therefore

### **We recommend**

That Methodist women take the initiative in setting up groups in each community, to study the local situation and prepare the people to meet it.

## **REPORT LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD**

The Conference Wesleyan Service Guild made great strides during 1953-54. Of outstanding importance was the broadening of our organization by the addition of a chairman for the following: Spiritual Life, Missionary Education, and Christian Social Relations. These carried down into the districts with six already organized and functioning, and plans going forward for the other.

The Jurisdiction School of Missions was attended by four Guild members, enabling us to have someone in each of the study classes, workshops, and clinics. Several of the districts held Seminars with the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Shreveport District had their Guild Week End combined with their Seminar, this was a most successful experiment. Much interest was shown through the local units in the many study classes conducted this year.

At the School of Missions in Shreveport we were not so well represented, but feel that this will become a growing thing, since the dates are much earlier this year. There is a great need for the Guild Clinic held with the School.

Guild Week End, July 24-25-26, 1953, broke all records with 129 Guild members, 1 visitor, and 10 members of the WSCS in attendance. Miss Gladice Bower, our Special Interest at Vashti Girls School, was our resource person. The delegates gave her a love offering of \$105.00. Miss Mary Gladys Page, past Conference Secretary, was honored with a public address system for the use of Camp Brewer. Rev. Jolly B. Harper was given \$102.00 to apply on the concrete slab for the tabernacle.

With the publicity for Annual Week End at Camp Brewer came the idea and need for Guild Times. We, of the Conference Guild, feel the need for such an instrument for promotion. It is to be self-supporting once we get it going. Let us pray that it becomes a permanent enterprise.

The mid-year executive meeting in November was well attended. We were fortunate in having, Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply, and a member of our Standing Committee from the Society with us. She discussed the needs for Supply giving. It was recommended that the local units put cash for Supply in their budgets for 1954-55. Some of the units have been doing this for years.

Mrs. C. A. (Margaret) Bender, Associate Secretary, Department of Christian Social Relations for the Woman's Division, held joint meetings in February in four of our districts. Since she is our official observer at the United Nations she brought much first hand information on the World Community, and National Legislation.

At the close of 1952-53 we had 87 units, membership of 1,810. We lost two units and gained four (two in New Orleans, and two in Baton Rouge Districts). Present membership is just under 1,800. We need to do something about those lost, and in reaching other employed women of our church. Our per capita giving to appropriations for the first three quarters was \$4.62, for cultivation .07 and for Alcohol Education .09. This is far below the 25c that was recommended. The Treasure Chests were used in many of units and we are anxiously awaiting the opening in April.

Almost all of our units use the Program material put out by the Woman's Division, supplementing with the Methodist Woman, World Outlook, and Christian Advocate. The Quadrennial Goals were emphasized collectively at various times and in various ways.

The Conference Secretary has visited in three of our districts, and many local units, and has scheduled meetings in other districts before the close of the year. Much effort is being exerted in the promotion of Guild work through the cooperation with the District Secretaries of Promotion and Local Secretaries of Promotion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary

### **WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD RECOMMENDATIONS 1954-55**

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED:**

- 1 That the Wesleyan Service Guild concentrate on officers training.
  - a) Conference School of Missions and Christian Service Courses—Workshops—Guild Clinics, Conference to District—District to Local.
- 2 That in addition to the annual meetings, Guild Week Ends be held on the district level.
  - a) Annual meetings for inspiration, business, and promotion of the Guild program
  - b) Week Ends for education, inspiration, and fellowship.
- 3 That the entire Guild committee be made a working committee. The Guild secretary needs the help of every member of her committee.

- a) That Guild officers become active members on all committees to which she belongs.
- 4 That for better understanding of the relationship of the Wesleyan Service Guild to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Guild secretary realize that it is not only a privilege but an obligation to attend the executive board meetings.
- 5 That the conference secretary work closely with the district secretaries in making possible a Guild unit in every church with as many as six employed women
  - a) Special attention be shown in the recruitment of women of all vocations
  - b) Recruitment of younger women
- 6 That for increased giving to missions
  - a) An impressive pledge service, presenting the needs be held
  - b) Special memberships be encouraged for deserving members
- 7 That trips to mission fields be planned for Guild members and high school girls who meet the requirements
  - a) That plans continue for the trip to the mission projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in Mexico
- 8 That for more effective programs greater use be made of:
  - a) The program and workshop booklets
  - b) The Fourteenth Annual Report
  - c) The Methodist Woman and World Outlook
  - d) The Filmstrips
  - e) All Handbooks of officers and program chairmen
  - f) The Guide for the Woman's Society of Christian Service
  - g) The approved Studies
  - h) The channeled information
- 9 That each unit strive for all four studies with a minimum of not less than two and that action come as a result of each study.
- 10 That each officer realize anew her responsibility for more accuracy in reporting.

### **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF STUDENT WORK 1953-1954**

**Mrs. William E. Trice**

Work with college students never ceases to be challenging and the reports of the local secretaries continue to show the enthusiasm with which plans are made monthly.

More secretaries are beginning to take part in the heart of student work — personnel recruitment, and participation in and cooperation with the work of the Methodist Student Movement.

The job of bringing foreign students more and more into the church fellowship shows marked improvement over the past year. Likewise more of our students have been brought, during vacation times, into many activities, and made to feel the concern of the home church for their spiritual well being. Especially noteworthy this year was the fine response many societies gave to the task of sending students to the National Student Conference at Lawrence, Kansas. Financial assistance given by both the conference and local units added numbers of students to the Louisiana Delegation.

The scripture from John reads: "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." As your conference secretary, this report marks the end of an eight year term of office. I am able to look back and see where the untiring efforts of local and district secretaries have kept the light of Christ burning in the hearts and minds of thousands of our students and have thrown about them the light of faith and love. My prayer is that we can continue through Christ to dispel the darkness for those countless generations of students yet to come.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STUDENT WORK 1954-1955**

Your Student Secretary recommends:

- 1 Each society elect a student secretary in order that both students



and men and women in service may be served.

- 2 Each student secretary plan a project for the year that will aid the program of the Methodist Student Movement on the nearest college campus.
- 3 Every Campus Secretary of Student Work will add at least one volume of missionary content to the library of the Wesley Foundation or Methodist Student Center with which she has closest affiliation.
- 4 Foreign students will continue to be invited into the homes and programs of the Church.
- 5 Recruitment for full time service in the church be a goal for all local secretaries.
- 6 The blue student information cards be sent by August 10, to the **Directors of the Wesley Foundation or Methodist Student Movement** of the several colleges and universities.
- 7 Each secretary will ask her society to continue to **support the Five Dollar Plan.**
- 8 Each society will make use of the recording "Wings of Eagle" for the June program. It may be secured for \$2.00 from Miss Dorothy Nyland, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Watch the **Methodist Woman** for further details.

### **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF SECRETARY OF YOUTH WORK**

In October, 1953, the general plan of the Methodist Youth Fellowship was changed from the four commissions to the five program areas. Our area is Christian Outreach. In many of our churches the change has been made. Christian Outreach is responsible for mission study, the M. Y. Fund, Overseas Relief and Peace.

During the year there have been many churches having pledge services for the M. Y. Fund. When our youth make personal pledges and pay them, they are learning to give in a systematic way to missions. In the coming year, I hope that all our youth groups will pledge.

The Youth Department in Nashville mails to each district secretary enough copies of the M. Y. Fund Bulletin for all local secretaries. These district secretaries have also mailed several letters from me to their local secretaries.

One quarter we had 80 per cent of all youth secretaries reporting.

Since I have received no recommendations from the jurisdictional secretary, I am giving a few of my own in this report.

- 1 I urge every local and district secretary to buy a copy of The Methodist Youth Fellowship Handbook—Then use it! Each one needs to know the total program of the M. Y. F. so that she may better understand her part in it.
- 2 Begin today to use the term M. Y. F. correctly. The Methodist Youth Fellowship includes all activities in the church for youth—Sunday School, Evening Session, Choir, etc.
- 3 Have the pledge service and provide an opportunity for paying the pledge. All this should be done in SUNDAY SCHOOL. Send the money each month to Rev. J. E. Hearne, Ruston, La., marked M. Y. Fund.
- 4 At sometime during the year give the young people an opportunity to share in overseas relief.
- 5 Keep youth informed about the United Nations, especially about the many accomplishments of which we hear so little.

May 1954-55 be the best year we have ever had in our youth work.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J. T. Folk

### **REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CHILDREN'S WORK—1953-54**

**Mrs. James C. Whitaker**

As I make my annual report I am aware that a quadrennium has passed as your conference secretary of Children's Work. These have been years of growth for the work. Many opportunities of service have come to me.



During these four years reporting has increased about 43 per cent and about 30 per cent more of the societies have a secretary of Children's Work. In spite of this increase approximately one third of the societies in the conference do not as yet have a secretary of Children's Work. This figure is also true of societies for the whole of the United States. The relationship of children's work to the Woman's Society of Christian Service program has improved. The Woman's Society and the Conference Board of Education are more united in their common effort to serve children. We are grateful to those connected with the Board of Education and to all Woman's Society personnel who have helped to interpret the program for children and to bring about a closer tie in the work. Much credit is due to the fine work of the district secretaries of Children's Work.

At the present time 222 societies have a secretary of Children's Work. This year is marked by increased giving to the Children's Service Fund, more additional sessions, and more secretaries taking training. Last summer the Conference Director of Children's Work and the Conference Secretary of Children's Work cooperated in planning and executing the three summer Conferences for Children's Workers.

During the year children have been thrilled with their studies of "Work and Worship Around the World" and (or) "Spanish-Speaking Americans." We are grateful for the cooperation which the women of the societies have given in the studies for the children.

We look forward to the study of "India and Pakistan" and "The City" in 1954-55. The "Calendar of Activities" for the new year will appear in May, 1954, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Thank you for the privilege of being your Conference Secretary of Children's Work and for the fine cooperation which has been given me.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHILDREN'S WORK — 1954-55**

- 1 That a qualified Secretary of Children's Work be elected by every Woman's Society of Christian Service and that this election be held according to the plan provided on page 22 of **A Guide for the Woman's Society of Christian Service, 1952-56**, which reads:

"Election of the Secretary of Children's Work. Since it is recognized that the secretary of Children's Work should be a worker in the children's division of the church school, the Woman's Division of Christian Service asks that this officer be elected in the following manner:

- 1 The Committee on Nominations of the Woman's Society of Christian Service shall consult with the Council of Children's Workers in the church school as to a suitable nominee for the office of secretary of Children's Work.
- 2 In a church where the Council of Children's Workers has not been organized, the Committee on Nominations shall consult with the workers in the children's division of the church school as to a nominee for the office."
- 2 That Secretary of Children's Work attend the School of Missions at Centenary College in the summer, where a clinic for children's secretaries will be conducted.
- 3 That district and local Secretaries of Children's Work attend fall institutes of missionary education of children and seminars conducted in each district by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
- 4 That Secretary of Children's Work keep informed about current issues related to the welfare of children, such as: juvenile delinquency, the needs of children in expanding areas of population, in public education and in the work of United Nations.
- 5 That Secretary of Children's Work continue to serve on the Christian Social Relations Committee and cooperate in plans for action recommended by Woman's Division of Christian Service through the department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.
- 6 That Secretary of Children's Work cooperate in the promotion and plans for the follow-up of the Conference on Family Life meeting in

Cleveland, Ohio, on October 8-10, 1954, according to the policies developed by Woman's Division of Christian Service.

- 7 That the Secretary of Children's Work use as a guide the Calendar of Activities 1954-55, which will appear in May, 1954, issue of the **METHODIST WOMAN**. The Calendar has been prepared with the events of the church school year in mind as well as events of Woman's Society of Christian Service.

## **REPORT OF SECRETARY OF LITERATURE AND PUBLICATION** **Mrs. Wideman Watson**

### **Reporting:**

Reporting in the Conference is improving every quarter. We are fourth in the Jurisdiction. Monroe District is leading in Societies reporting every elected officer a subscriber to **THE METHODIST WOMAN**. Baton Rouge District is leading in subscribers to **WORLD OUTLOOK**.

When a new secretary takes office she should immediately send her church account number, her name and the name of the former secretary to the Circulation Department of **THE METHODIST WOMAN**.

Please note that one free packet of Week of Prayer material will be mailed to each local Woman's Society and each Wesleyan Service Guild unit July 1. Additional material needed should be ordered before October 10. Order new Handbooks immediately.

### **Subscriptions:**

Societies reporting every elected officer a subscriber to the **METHODIST WOMAN**:

Alexandria District—Oak Grove, Wesley, David Haas Memorial, Bunkie.

Baton Rouge District—Plaquemine, Denham Springs, Ingleside, Bogalusa, Baker, Magnolia, St. Francisville, Wakefield, Istrouma and University Methodist, Baton Rouge.

Lake Charles District—New Iberia, Iowa, Raymond, Maplewood, First Church, Lake Charles.

Monroe District—Wisner, Waterproof, Jonesville, Sicily Island, Rayville, Winnsboro, Lake Providence, First Church of West Monroe, St. Paul's and Stone Ave., Monroe.

New Orleans District—St. Luke's, St. Mark's, Felicity, Rayne Memorial, Jefferson Methodist, and Second Church, New Orleans.

Ruston District—Brushwood, Doyline, Heflin, Haynesville, Homer, Downsview, Marion, First Church, Minden, Trinity and Grace, Ruston.

Shreveport District—Vivian, Rodessa, Belcher, Greenwood, North Highlands, Broadmoor, Shreveport.

Societies reporting every elected officer a subscriber to **WORLD OUTLOOK**:

New Orleans District—Rayne Memorial, New Orleans.

Baton Rouge District—Magnolia, Istrouma, Bogalusa.

## **LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

- 1 Every Woman's Society elect a Secretary of Literature, or assign her duties, including quarterly reporting to the Secretary of Promotion.
- 2 The Secretary of Literature in the local society assume the responsibility of seeing that, before installation, each officer has a new Guide, or leaflet on her office, a Handbook (if listed in the Catalogue), and a subscription to the **METHODIST WOMAN** and the **WORLD OUTLOOK**.
- 3 The Secretary of Literature in the local society circulate a copy of "The World Witness of Methodist Women," the 14th Annual Report of the Woman's Division, among officers.
- 4 The local Secretary of Literature present the **METHODIST WOMAN** and **WORLD OUTLOOK** in a brief but striking way to her society at least once each quarter, and that she enlist the aid of her pastor in presenting **WORLD OUTLOOK** to the church membership, thus constantly increasing the number of subscriptions.

- 5 Special attention be given to the Youth and Children's material, by suggesting its use in World Friendship Groups of girls, M. Y. F., and Junior Fellowship groups.
- 6 Conference, District, and local secretaries be alert to special instructions and occasions suggested in the **METHODIST WOMAN**, particularly the Calendar of Activities in the May issue.

### **SUPPLY WORK**

**Mrs. George E. Powell, Conference Secretary**

Our Supply Work for the first two quarters of 1953-54 shows a healthy gain in Cash Supply giving and a substantial loss in the value of Supplies sent to our workers and institutions. We have lost materially in the number of used garments sent to our institutions but have doubled the number of books and magazines sent to them.

Even though we have gained in Cash Giving for Supply Work we are still far short of the quota set for us by the Jurisdiction. We have far overpaid our asking for Fairfield School, and more than half has been paid on the \$1,000.00 quota for relief and rehabilitation in Korea, but we have paid less than \$100.00 on the \$800.00 for the jeep for a rural district in India. We need to put forth every effort to send as much money as possible for Foreign Supplies Undesignated this last quarter so that our Conference Treasurer can credit the money to the project farthest from its quota.

Our greatest weakness lies in the large number of societies that are not reporting Supply Work, although I feel sure that many of them are doing something for our institutions.

Many of you have sent boxes to Korea, Rhodesia and Japan. They were gratefully received as were your boxes and Christmas gifts sent to the institutions in your Supply Schedule. National College for Christian workers was very appreciative of the cash and boxes you sent to them in December as one of those extra things that Supply Work is always doing for our institutions.

Our Coupon Campaign has progressed steadily and has great possibilities. We have redeemed coupons in the amount of \$130.28 for St. Mark's Camp Fund. St. Mark's thanks you for your cooperation in this campaign. Let us all work together to really make that Camp Fund grow.

It has been a real joy to work with you as your Secretary of Supply Work.

### **SUPPLY WORK RECOMMENDATIONS—1954-55**

- 1 The election of a Secretary of Supply Work in every society, and every Secretary using the new **HANDBOOK for Secretaries of Supply Work**.
- 2 Every society doing some Supply Work for Home and/or Foreign missions institution or pieces of work **each quarter**.
- 3 Cash, boxes of materials and/or articles should be sent to an institution or field of work or worker of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in order to be counted as Supply Work. (The avenue for **RELIEF WORK** with the Woman's Division of Christian Service is through "Cash for Supply Work" designated for **RELIEF** in the country desired.)
- 4 Cash should **NOT** be sent directly to an institution or to a worker. It cannot be counted as "Cash for Supply Work" unless the treasurers send the cash through the usual channels—local treasurer to district treasurer to conference treasurer, etc. It may be reported as "Value of New Materials" on the report of the Secretary of Supply Work. This is **NOT** recommended, however.
- 5 The secretary of Supply Work on all levels (local, district, conference) is a member of the Finance Committee. This is not a new recommendation, for it was accepted by the South Central Jurisdiction several years ago, but is one which needs to be brought to the attention of the supply secretaries.
- 6 Materials and/or articles should **NOT** be sent to the Foreign Fields (with the exception of **KOREA**, where relief packages of clothing



- should be sent to the missionaries for distribution) unless specific directions are received for the sending of such materials. **Cash for Supply Work** is the best method for assisting in work overseas.
- 7 Societies are asked to **meet the needs on the list of Askings** before doing additional Supply Work.
  - 8 Conference, district and local secretaries are urged to channel all information coming to them concerning the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service—letters from missionaries, pamphlets and any information concerning projects on their list of Askings for the year. Local secretaries are particularly urged to share with the societies all information received, to help the women to be informed concerning our work around the world, and the work they are asked to contribute to through Supply Giving.
  - 9 Conference, district and local secretaries are encouraged to attend Officer's Training Days in the Conference and District, and to visit institutions in the conference and in the districts, that they may be better informed.
  - 10 Each secretary is asked to follow the "model" report blank on pages 10-11 of the HANDBOOK for Secretaries of Supply Work when making out her report each quarter, after contacting the Wesleyan Service Guild, and the Secretaries of Youth and Children's Work for that portion of her report, and checking with the treasurer for the cash report.
  - 11 Reports made out in FULL and ON TIME each quarter.



# LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Cash Supply Work Askings 1954-55

Home Asking: \$6,185.00 Foreign Asking: \$3,900.00

DISTRICT	HOME FIELD	FOREIGN FIELD
Alexandria	Houchen Settlement, El Paso, Texas	Moradabad, India
Baton Rouge	Dulac Indian Mission, Dulac, La.	Seibi Girls' School, Yokohama, Japan
Lake Charles	La. Bayou Work Clinic, Dulac, La.	Seibi Girls' School, Yokohama, Japan
Lafayette	Houchen Settlement, El Paso, Texas	Moradabad, India
	La. Tech Wesley Foundation, Ruston, La.	Seibi Girls' School, Yokohama, Japan
	La. Bayou Work Clinic, Dulac, La.	Wembo Nyama, Africa
	Sager Brown, Baldwin, La.	
Monroe	Harwood Girls' School, Albuquerque, N. M.	Seibi Girls' School, Yokohama, Japan
	MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma, La.	
New Orleans	Sager Brown, Baldwin, La.	Wembo Nyama, Africa
Ruston	Sager Brown, Baldwin, La.	Wembo Nyama, Africa
Shreveport	St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans, La.	Moradabad, India
	People's Community Center New Orleans, La.	Wembo Nyama, Africa

Each society has been given a definite part of the Cash Askings for their District. Every society is asked to give to the home and foreign institution assigned to them for the entire year or until they have finished their Askings, then they are privileged to do other Supply Work.

## **SUPPLY NEEDS — 1954-55**

(Please follow assignment for your District)

### **HOME FIELD**

#### **St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, La.**

Cash for: Household supplies: Sheets, blankets, rugs, etc.; Craft Materials; Office supplies, Game room equipment: volley balls, basketballs, etc.

Boxes of: Good clean used army blankets, craft materials, sequins of all colors, beads all colors, ribbons all colors and widths, felt all colors, materials for costume jewelry, old felt hats all colors, both men's and women's.

#### **People's Methodist Community Center Nursery Department**

##### **2019 Simon Bolivar St., New Orleans, Louisiana**

Cash for: Record player, children's books, constructive play materials for nursery children, crib sheets, etc.

Boxes of: Used toys and books for nursery children. Simple games. Christmas presents of toys, etc.

#### **Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation, P. O. Box 34, Tech Station, Ruston, Louisiana**

Cash for: Hymnals, Fun Encyclopedia, Paper Supplies, Napkins, etc.

#### **Sager Brown Home Godman School, Baldwin, Louisiana**

Cash for: Household supplies, sheets, blankets, towels, dish towels, wash cloths, kneenex. School Supplies, notebooks, pencils, paper, soft balls, baseballs, bats, etc. Clothing for boys and girls.

Boxes of: Good used clothing for boys and girls from 4 to 16 years, socks, dresses, jeans, underwear, sleeping garments. Christmas gifts for boys and girls (write Home for ages and numbers).

#### **Dulac Indian Mission, Box 1150, Dulac, Louisiana**

Cash for: A share of the price of a power mower and the installation of indoor toilets. For sewing materials, two good used electric sewing machines, yard goods, thread, etc. Household supplies, sheets, towels, etc., curtains.

Boxes of: Good used clothing for all age groups, especially children and infants, such as: socks, jeans, underwear, dresses, men's wear, Scout uniforms, books, games, toys, quilt scraps, Christmas and birthday gifts for boys and girls (Write Mission for ages and number).

#### **Louisiana Bayou Work Clinic, Box 1150, Dulac, Louisiana**

Cash for: Dental care, medicine and medical supplies. Supplies for health instruction, tooth brushes, tooth paste, finger nail files, combs. First Aid Kits. Sample medicines.

#### **MacDonell Methodist Center, Box 270, Houma, Louisiana**

Cash for: Household needs, sheets, kleenex, soap, record player, records, mangle.

Boxes of: Good used clothing of all sizes. Christmas gifts for children (Write Center for ages and number).

#### **Houchen Settlement, 1119 E. 5th St., El Paso, Texas**

Cash for: Share of air conditioners, rugs, lamps, household equipment, playground equipment.

Boxes: If you want to send a box, write Settlement for information.

#### **Harwood Girls' School, 1114 N. 7th St., Albuquerque, N. M.**

Cash for: Share of television, tape recorder, spreads, bed clothing.

Boxes of: Books to color, cut out dolls, panties for girls, size 9-12. Write school for information in regard to other items.

### **FOREIGN FIELD**

#### **Japan, Yokohama, Seibi Girl's School**

Cash for: Furniture for Primary School, housekeeping equipment, kindergarten equipment, typewriter, Home Economics equipment, Chapel furniture.

### **Africa Central Congo Conference, Wembo, Nyama**

Cash for: Teaching materials for students, French medical library, equipment for nine rural dispensaries.

### **India ,North India Conference, Moradabad District**

Cash for: Part of a Prefabricated House for Village Center.

### **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**Mrs. W. W. Paxton**

There has been an increase in the number of societies having a secretary of Spiritual Life, but I am concerned that ALL societies do not report such a secretary. My prayer and aim is a secretary of Spiritual Life in every society, and every secretary reporting ON TIME.

Because the spiritual life is a "step by step" growth we will always seek higher goals as individuals and societies. I am aware that there are still unmet needs, but progress is being made. I wish to indicate the following:

- 1 The local secretaries have sought to deepen their own spiritual lives and that of their societies by: Cultivating personal quiet hour, prayer cells and groups, The Fellowship of Intercession, Family Worship, Quiet Days and Retreats, The Angelus Hour, and short worship services with the sick and shut-ins.
- 2 The Week of Prayer and World Day of Prayer observances were well attended and offerings generous.
- 3 The Interest and Attendance in our Bible Studies have been good.
- 4 Individuals and societies are constantly asking for more Spiritual Life Material.
- 5 While there has been an increase in the number of prayer groups, I so desire to see at least one prayer group in each society.
- 6 Our secretaries have been most cooperative with their pastors in the various boards and visitation carried on for the purpose of deepening the spiritual life of the members of the church and presenting Christ to those who do not know the Christian Way of life.
- 7 Reports have been received from local secretaries of "second mile" ministries they have done, such as:
  - a. The Upper Room, church bulletins and Birthday cards sent to the boys in Service.
  - b. The booklet "Power" sent to their college students.
  - c. High School and College Graduates remembered with some spiritual book or booklet.
  - d. Subscription to "Guide Posts" sent to permanent shut-in members.
  - e. Spiritual Life material placed in churches, hospitals, bus stations, etc.
  - f. Bookshelves and devotional reading tables in churches and homes.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1 Encourage every society to carry on and report the work of the Spiritual Life Cultivation.
- 2 Urge every secretary to have and use a Spiritual Life Committee: The Secretary is chairman; other members are the secretary of the the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Spiritual Life Chairman of each Circle.
- 3 At least once yearly acquaint the society with the work of the Spiritual Life Cultivation, and with the materials used by the secretary and committee.
- 4 Secure and use the following materials as the minimum: The Handbook of Spiritual Life, The Guide, The current Spiritual Life Packet, the Methodist Woman, the World Outlook and leaflets and pamphlets publicized from time to time by the Division.
- 5 Look for and admit weak spots in your work. Concentrate on making these particular means of service more effective instruments for God's love.
- 6 Present the Fellowship of Intercession quarterly.
- 7 Present and urge the daily use of the Prayer Calendar.

- 8 Stimulate interest in having and using a Spiritual Life Bookshelf.
- 9 Contribute to such a Bookshelf in small or weak societies.
- 10 Make your approved Spiritual Life Study an experience of spiritual growth and influence.
- 11 Cultivate the active developing of Holy Habits by: encouraging daily devotions in families and individuals; endeavor to have at least once yearly a "Quiet Day" in addition to the Quiet Day of the Week of Prayer.
- 12 Cooperate in all spiritual endeavors of all agencies of our church; undergird with your prayers and work the present emphasis of our church on stewardship.
- 13 Watch for "Our" page in the Methodist Woman.
- 14 For systematic planning of and checking on your work, adopt a Calendar of Work for the year.

## **STATUS OF WOMEN**

**Mrs. F. C. Haley, Secretary**

The Status of Women challenge presents stewardship in its highest sense, stewardship of that most vital possession, life itself.

This report comes at the end of three quarters and shows that 194 local secretaries have served in our conference under seven efficient district secretaries. Shreveport District has been 100 per cent in reporting each quarter.

### **Programs, Scrapbooks, and Literature**

The work on Status of Women has been presented at 99 monthly meetings and in 33 circle programs. 119 secretaries of Status of Women are serving as members of the Program Committee.

Fifty-eight societies are now keeping scrapbooks of news items about women. These scrapbooks of snapshots and clippings with brief sketches of events afford excellent material for programs.

The Service Activity Cards are used in 88 societies for the purpose of making and keeping records of the abilities of women in the church. These surveys have been instrumental in enlisting 163 previously inactive women in the work of the Woman's Society and the church.

The Handbook for the 1952-56 quadrennium is now being used widely. The poster, "The Legal Status of Women in the Methodist Church," taken from the 1952 Methodist Disciple is interesting to study.

### **Women: Official Boards**

The number of women has increased this year but our aim is for a more equal representation. 535 women have been reported as members on official boards in those churches included in this report. 64 societies are encouraging the election of more women to the official board.

### **Civic Affairs**

Secretaries of Status of Women are taking seriously the request to suggest qualified women for positions in civic affairs. The number named this year include: Community, 93; Parish, 29; State, 19; and Nation, 2.

The effort to have all women register and vote has created a real interest in good government.

Local projects reported show an ever increasing interest in legislation for the betterment of women, community cooperation and a real desire to serve.

### **A Forward Look**

The year 1954 offers two excellent opportunities to promote Status of Women which are: (1) An election year calls for emphasis on registration and active voting; and (2) The 1954 Bible study will be basically, a Status of Women study. The Guide for the study will give the definite trends in this direction.

Our motto for the quadrennium will be based on George Fox's aim, "Giving women their place, their right place, and stirring them up to take it."



## RECOMMENDATIONS

Knowing the important role of women in the home, the church, the community and the nation, it becomes the work of the secretary of Status of Women to see that women use the abilities given them that they may move into areas of more effective service. To help you in planning your work for the coming year, the following recommendations are made:

- 1 Secure and use **THE HANDBOOK FOR STATUS OF WOMEN**
- 2 Secure and study **THE GUIDE**
- 3 Secure and use **THE METHODIST DISCIPLINE**
- 4 Subscribe to **THE METHODIST WOMAN** and **THE WORLD OUTLOOK**

### CONTINUE TO:

- 1 Keep a Clipping File or Scrap Book of achievements of women in today's world.
- 2 Keep up-to-date **SERVICE ACTIVITY CARDS**, one set to be made available to the Pastor and the other for the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
- 3 Observe and participate in U. N. Day in October; Keep the women informed about the women delegates in the U. N. Secure information on Status of Women Commission in the U. N. and its accomplishments.
- 4 Cooperate with Christian Social Relations department in Citizens Roll Call. This project will be completed when every woman is registered and voting.
- 5 Study your local church as to:  
Per cent of women members  
Per cent of women serving on policy making boards of the church at all levels—local, district, conference, general.  
Financial support by women.
- 6 Building a reserve of trained leaders by  
Cultivating young mothers and  
Women who have more and more released time through special interest activities and service activities  
Working with Wesleyan Service Guild in finding these women.
- 7 An active Secretary of Status of Women in every local society. If the society is too small, have the president keep the society informed on the activities of this office. An active secretary reports **ACCURATELY AND ON TIME**—September 1, December 1, March 1, and June 1.
- 8 A Committee on Status of Women, 3 to 5 members.
- 9 Each Secretary of Status of Women a member of the program committee. Have at least one program a year.
- 10 Study your own community for opportunities and challenges in improving the status of women. Raising the standards at home, means raising the standards throughout the world.

## MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

**Mrs. C. I. Jones, Secretary**

"The entire work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service contributes to recruitment." **RECRUITMENT IS OUR NUMBER ONE JOB!**

### Recommendations:

- 1 All women continue to pray for guidance in the important work of Missionary Personnel.
- 2 Our needs should be presented at every opportunity as rich challenges to service, demanding the very best young people of our Church.
- 3 Actively support the program of Conference, District and local Commissions on Christian Vocations. If there is no local Commission on Christian Vocations, the local youth and student secretaries could discuss this with the pastor and cooperate in establishing this commission.

4 Urge, that whenever possible, Missionary Personnel be listed with Student, Youth Secretaries, since these three work together closely in Missionary Personnel. This listing together will help the women to think of them as a Personnel Committee.

5 Read and keep on file, all material possible on Missionary Personnel and Christian Vocations. Read carefully The Methodist Woman and World Outlook for all informative material.

6 Use posters, pamphlets, plays, skits, panels, movies, slides, pictures or any up-to-date materials to bring before the women the importance of the needs in Missionary Personnel.

7 Urge local Societies to put pictures in the Church of those who have gone from that Church into full time Christian Service. Hang an empty frame with the notation, "Whoever is next to go into full time Christian Service will have his or her photograph placed in this frame."

8 Whenever possible, have workers from the fields as speakers for local, district and conference meetings, etc. Anna Givens, returned June 3, will be in Lafayette this summer, Box 58, returning to Scarritt College next year for further graduate work.

9 Encourage tours for youth and students and members of your local WSCS to points of work as part of the recruitment program.

10 When channeling names to the Division Missionary Personnel Office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, send only college juniors, seniors or graduates. Send names of all interested college students to Conference Missionary Personnel Secretary. Cultivate younger girls who are looking forward to Christian Service. Your individual contact may be meaningful.

In our local societies, let us pray together most earnestly for His guidance in this important work. May His light so shine through us that others will see and be drawn to Him with a desire to serve Him wherever they may be.

## **NORTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE**

### **WESLEY FOUNDATION**

**ANN ADAMS, Director**

GREETINGS! from the Methodist students and faculty, and the Director at Northwestern. Again we say "Thank You" for sending your young people our way, and for your cooperation that has made it possible for us to serve them.

The Methodist student enrollment reached a total of 205 in the Fall Semester of this year and 216 in the Spring. We have been surprised to learn that there have been more men students each semester than women, and this has challenged us to rethink our program in many ways.

Sixty-three of the above have been intensively active in the Wesley Foundation program and some one hundred fifty others have been casual in their participation. Every Methodist student has been contacted personally or otherwise, during the year.

The increased Sunday School attendance during the past year has justified two classes for the first time. At the present, Dean Dudley Fulton is teaching studies in the Bible and Dr. John Rogers is leading a group in "Christian Responsibility in Our Culture."

Also, for the first time, a Prayer Fellowship has developed, meeting once a week in the early morning, and the Director has taught a week-day class in Bible.

Other highlights of the student year have been the following:

A joint Spiritual-Life-Retreat with the S. L. I. Wesley Foundation in the Fall at Camp Brewer, which was attended by 68 students from the two schools.

A "Stocking Christmas Tree" decorated by the Wesley Foundation at Christmas time. On its branches were hung dozens of articles of warm clothing to be sent to Korea.

The National Methodist Student Movement Conference, held at Kansas University during the Christmas holidays. Nine students and the Director attended.

A one-day conference sponsored by the Wesley Foundation and the Protestant Council, when Mrs. Margaret Bender was brought from the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions to speak on the missionary program of the Christian Church and how it ties in with the United Nations.

The Universal Day of Prayer for Students, sponsored by the Protestant Council. The meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church in February.

The World Day of Prayer service on March 5th—the first time this opportunity has been extended to students and faculty on the campus by the Council of Church Women in Natchitoches.

The Wesley Foundation has assumed responsibility for several months for the Davis Springs Church, some 15 miles away from the campus. Rev. Bob Tatum, a pre-ministerial student, has taken a group out every other Sunday morning to conduct the Church service.

Methodist students have pledged \$492.00 this year, out of their own personal funds, toward the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund, and other missionary projects. They have also raised more than \$300 through various activities, to take care of conferences and to buy equipment.

Plans for the future include:

Participation in the Family Life Conference sponsored by the college on March 29 and 30.

Dr. Olen Stockwell's visit to the campus on March 31.

A special dinner and program for Methodist men, students and faculty, in April, at which time Rev. Bob Breiham from the University of Texas will be the speaker.

In addition to guidance given the above, and a continuous program of counselling, the Director has been privileged to participate in two special meetings:

The meeting of the Board of Missions in Buckhill Falls, Pa., in January, and a one-day seminar at the United Nations.

An opportunity to speak at a Brotherhood Week service held in the African Methodist Church on February 28.

This year has been filled with many satisfying and significant opportunities, and we are convinced that God is guiding us toward a much greater service among students for His Kingdom.

#### **REPORT OF LOUISIANA TECH — 1953-54**

The progress of Louisiana Tech for the six months which the director has spent on the campus seems to reveal the following trends:

1 A larger enrollment and much better attendance in every segment of the program.

2 Better trained students in the area of worship and recreation—thanks to better local church training and church-wide camp programs.

3 Better informed freshmen concerning the Wesley Foundation and its program on the Tech campus. (The secretaries of student work and the \$5.00 plan emphases have helped greatly.)

4 An increase in missionary giving. (Larger horizons, less self-centeredness are evident.)

5 Improved caliber of worship. (Less canned experiences.)

6 Closer contact between faculty and students. (Due to Deputation teams and concerted student effort.)

7 More stress on intramural sports and constant open-house. (Less stress on particular parties.)

8 Prayer group continues stress and development of personal daily devotion.

Perhaps the three great highlights have been:

1 Deputations—Five teams of at least five persons (sometimes involving the thirty voice Wesley Foundation Choir) have almost com



pletely covered the Ruston District. Many desirable results are evident.

a. Students have thought through the following questions:

1) What is Wesley Foundation 2) What can it do for Students?  
3) What has it done for me?

b. Students have discovered talent and potential in each other, have grown together, and have been pleased with ability to serve now as well as train for the future.

c. Both local and district people have come to know and appreciate students—their ability and willingness. Students have gained visions of church interest in and support of their program.

2 Quadrennial Conference—Seven delegates (Tech's quota) attended and each found a challenge beyond anything known or dreamed of previously.

3 Dreams of and work toward a new student center building.

In the areas of Personnel, Publicity, Recreation, Community Service, World Friendship, and Worship, Wesley Foundation is striving to become "Fishers of Men."

Pearlye Maye Kelley, Director

### WESLEY FOUNDATION

#### SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA INSTITUTE

We of the Wesley Foundation at Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, send our sincere greetings—and gratitude for this opportunity to share with you the activities, program, and plans for 1953-54.

The Methodist Student Center, on the corner of General Gardner Avenue and College, is situated directly across from the main gates of the SLI Campus. However, in more than geographical ways, the Wesley Foundation plays a vitally situated role in the life of Methodist students at Southwestern. It is truly a "home away from home" of a large and varied group of students, representing an ecumenical cross-section of concerned participants. Throughout the week the Center is open for ping-pong, games, coffee, relaxation, study, and counselling. There are books, magazines, phonograph records, and—when season warrants—the warmth of an open fire to punctuate the routine of collegiate life.

The College Class is begun on Sunday morning with a fellowship hour at 9:30, at which coffee and doughnuts are served. Themes for discussion this year have been varied: a unit on the Prophets, particularly Jeremiah, Micah, and Hosea; a series on "The Growth of the Bible," written by Howard E. Tower; and the present series on "Christian Youth in a New Age," by Ernest Lefever, all from the **Christian Action** quarterly.

A close and rewarding association with the First Methodist Church during the year has encouraged better church attendance, for we regularly attend two services on Sunday. We have frequently cooperated with or conducted services for the Church: Methodist Student Day, June 14; a play, "Neither Principalities Nor Powers," on December 6, adapted from Helen Kromer's **THEY MADE A PATH**, in cooperation with the WSCS study course; a program on the missionary challenge of Africa; a Christmas Choir concert by the Wesley Choir; and regular participation of the Wesley Choir at the 8:30 service on Sunday mornings.

The Wesley Foundation Choir has been one of the outstanding developments of this year. Under the direction of Professor Kilford Neely of the SLI music faculty, the choir has grown into a group of 20 singers. The Christmas concert featured little-known carols, hymns, and folk music from various countries, and was well received. The Choir is at present working on an Easter program featuring music by Bach, Sibelius, Samuel Barber, Vulpius, Mozart, Randall Thompson, and several Dawson-arranged spirituals. Future plans include a choir trip to several Lake Charles District churches in the Spring.

At the Fireside Hours, our Sunday evening fellowship, such topics and speakers as these have been considered: "The College Man, 1953,"



by Dr. Z. L. Loflin, S.L.I.; "The Influence of Religion in Modern Literature," by Dr. Mary Dichmann, of the S. L. I. English department; Miss Anna Givens, a returned J-3 missionary from Japan; a series on "Courtship and Marriage," by Dr. Ben Kaplan, S. L. I.; Miss Agnes Roth, assistant dean of women, on "The Value of Campus Organizations"; and a present series on the different denominations, featuring speakers from widely represented groups and faiths.

A continued, if concentrated, interest is maintained in Morning Devotions on Wednesday morning at 6:30. The emphasis is on prayer, private meditations, and the development of one's individual religious life. The theme for the fall semester was "faith," and sought to discover what it is and how it works. For the second semester we are considering some of the classic devotional literature of Christian history, such as Augustine, Wesley, Thomas A. Kempis, George Fox and Thomas Kelley.

The principal week-day meeting on Thursday is an integration of worship, recreation, a business session, and fellowship. The worship services are student-led and prepared. Various themes and ideas are presented: the relevance of Christian faith to the college student; the essential message of famous Biblical characters; Christian holidays and symbolism; the meaning of prayer; Methodist beliefs, etc. Several student-written worship services have been especially meaningful: a playlet "What Doth It Profit?" on the honor system; "From Darkness Unto Light," using the resources of poetry in worship; and "Christmas," by Beth Roberts. To the active Methodists at S. L. I. Thursday night is "Wesley Night," and a real sense of unity has been achieved.

The deputations program has reaped benefits in cooperation and better understanding between local churches and the Wesley Foundation. Teams (of five or six students, and the director) have been sent to Jennings, Welsh, Simpson Methodist Church in Lake Charles, Elton, Eunice, Hebron, Bunkie, Church Point, Weeks Island, Jeanerette, the Mallaluie Methodist Church (A.M.E.) in Lafayette, and Ebenezer-Estherwood. Plans for March include sending teams to Gueydan and New Iberia. These teams usually assist with the MYF and conduct worship services for the church.

Special mention should be made of the deputation team to Ebenezer-Estherwood. We called it "Operation Ebenezer." A representative group of about twenty went for an entire week-end to the Ebenezer Methodist Church, near Crowley, staged a Hallowe'en party and hike for the MYF, and conducted both Sunday School and morning services the following morning to the combined congregations of Ebenezer and Estherwood.

Another word of particular interest might be said about the relationship of the Wesley Foundation to the Mallaluie Church in Lafayette. The group as a whole has visited the Negro church three times, has received a special offering for them (\$8.01) for Race Relations Day, and is now interested in assisting them in their attempt to re-model their church, soon to be closed by the city as a condemned building. A creative perspective on race relations is thus being developed.

Three retreats have been held during 1953-54: a one-day summer retreat on "leadership" was held at the Morgan Plantation, Lake Arthur, July 12. The fall retreat was held in conjunction with the Wesley Foundation of Northwestern, and was a "spiritual life retreat" in a true sense of the word, one totally without an imposed schedule, but deriving its unity from suggested disciplines and the oneness of the group. Mention of the significance of the experiment was made in CONCERN, national MYF publication. Our spring retreat was held February 6-7 at St. Martinville, with the Reverend Sam Barefield, director of the Wesley Foundation at Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, as the speaker and resource person. The theme was "Making Vocations Christian," and centered its concern around the underlying principles and decisions of a Christian vocation. Thirty-three attended the fall retreat at Camp Brewer; fifty-two, the spring retreat

at St. Martinville.

Methodist students at S. L. I. enlarged their vision considerably this year by their participation in various state, regional, and national activities of the Methodist Student Movement. Nine students and the director attended the MSM Regional Conference held at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, August 29-September 5. Here the basis for much good leadership this year was begun. Twelve students and the director attended the Louisiana MSM State Retreat at Camp Brewer, September 5-8, where planning sessions for the work of the Wesley Foundation, especially in the area of program, were held. Nine students and the director attended the National MSM Conference at the University of Kansas, Lawrence Kansas, December 28-January 2, 1953-54. This was truly a remarkable experience, widening student horizons immensely, training better leadership, and creating much nationwide student fellowship. The students raised a total of \$452.00 to finance their trip to Kansas. Thirty students and the director will attend the State MSM Conference at L. S. U. on March 12-14.

Religious Emphasis Week for 1954 had as its theme "God's Will and Modern Man," and brought to the campus two outstanding speakers: Dr. Harry Goodykuntz, Louisville, Ky.; Father Edward Doyle, S.J., New Orleans. Methodist students played a significant role in the Week.

The Wesley Foundation has worked well as a group this year, with good leadership from President Geraldine Fletcher, DeRidder, and Vice-President Fritz Hess, Gold Dust. Elections for the 1954-55 officers are planned for March 4. The installation of new officers is planned for April 24, in conjunction with a service of commemoration, 1954 marking the twentieth year of the S.L.I. Wesley Foundation having been active on the campus.

There are 254 Methodist preference students enrolled at S. L. I. this year, 130 campus students (including married students in "Vet Village"), 79 off-campus students, 25 commuters, and many auditors and special students. The work of the Wesley Foundation touches directly about 65 students each week through various means, and reaches another 30 or 35 through indirect means, such as personnel-contact, ecumenical activities, and informal fellowship.

The Wesley Foundation is a vital influence in the lives of Methodist students at S. L. I. Through continued effort, prayer, and cooperation this witness for Jesus Christ may become increasingly more effective.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert E. Parrott, Director

### **BUSINESS GIRLS INN**

**Mrs. Mary E. Freeman, Head Resident**

Business Girls Inn continues to serve girls of our state and of surrounding states. Fifty-two girls can be accommodated. These range in age from seventeen to thirty. All who live here are not Methodist. Many denominations are represented.

It is a home that girls gladly show to their parents and friends, and especially to their boy friends. Often strangers, after seeing the well planned building with living room, date room, recreation room, kitchenette, sewing room, and laundry, in addition to bedrooms, dining room, and kitchen, remark, "I do not see what more any one could want." Recently a girl wrote, "I have heard such nice things about Business Girls Inn, I look forward to coming to school in Shreveport. The Inn seems to be the ideal place for girls away from home."

Comfortable and pleasant surroundings, good meals, reasonable hours of rest, fellowship and worship all contribute to the happiness and efficiency of business girls.

Holiday celebrations and birthday dinners help to break the rou-

tine of working days and gives a freshness to tired bodies and joy to young hearts.

The fun of sharing with others is demonstrated at Christmas and on other occasions. Recently one of the members of our family had her home completely destroyed by fire. The girls gladly made up a purse for her to replace some of her personal belongings.

The depth of God's Love, His Joy, and His Peace is brought anew to us at Easter and Christmas worship together in the morning and vespers at evening are avenues through which spiritual blessings come.

We have been blessed financially to the extent that supplies, which might be allocated to Business Girls Inn, have been asked to be directed to other institutions. Material gifts are important and essential, but we desire the spiritual also. Prayer can avail much. How wonderful it would be to have women each day lift us to a throne of grace, asking that God's work and plan might be carried out in those that dwell here. May we have your prayers.

## **MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER**

**Mrs. Nettie Thornton**

Greetings from the HOME—children from Indian and white races, from broken homes, Welfare Department, and Juvenile court, ages 6-16. Four houseparents—three women and one man—direct the recreation and religious activities, assume responsibility for school, clothing and personal needs, keep all buildings clean with only the children's help. Two houseparents devote some time to Dulac Mission and all assist in work of Houma Heights Church program. Children have regular assignments and chores—kitchen, laundry, farm and dorm—which are designed to teach them to be better home-makers, future citizens, and more worth while resident companions. Too, a staff member sews for the children, relieves houseparents in their days off and assists the nurse.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING** in various phases:

**Educational:** Houma city schools, supervised study time, tutoring retarded children, educational tours, contacts with visiting groups, recorded music, singing groups.

**Spiritual Life:** Weekly supervised Bible Study—three houseparents direct; Sunday School; Church service at Houma Heights, mornings; individual counseling; older group to town for MYF and evening worship; evening vespers for younger children; youth rallies, encampments, revivals, breakfast devotionals, Christmas pageants; and music.

**Recreation Program:** Campus facilities and equipment, swimming, camping, hiking, parties on special occasions, folk games, singing, rhythm games, circuses, parks, theaters, weekly "Fun Night", cook-outs.

**Community Interests:** Boy and Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, 4-H Clubs, Civil Defense training, farm program, dairying, sewing classes, Fair exhibits, agriculture shows.

Aggregate number of children participating weekly—125.

### **VISITING GROUPS**

**Church Related:** Vacation Church School training groups, Work Campers, Junior Camps, Week of Prayer, Men's Fellowship suppers, Christian Student Union (Nicholls College, Thibodaux), Children's Workers Conference, Bayou Staff meetings, monthly sale day of clothing, counsels and committees related to local youth work, LSU group to study mission work, Guild and WSCS tourist guests and WSCS program groups.

**Non-Church Related:** Shriners' annual banquet, twenty band members (Rayne, La.) for Mardi Gras, fire prevention film and drill, sales promotion group of local business men, Father-Son Scout dinners, monthly clothing sales.

Aggregate number adults visiting campus monthly—100 to 150.

MacDonell is grateful for your devotion, assistance and encouragement. We covet your prayers as we obey our Master's injunction—"freely ye have received, freely give."



## **BAYOU RURAL WORK**

### **Mrs. Maggie Bergeron, Reporting**

A great many things have happened that are thrilling to a worker—so many things to learn, so many opportunities and possibilities.

First is the development and progress of the Adult Literacy Classes for Indian women at Dulac and MacDonell. Seeing the need of an education, the mothers were eager to begin school. Most of them not knowing how to speak English meant the teaching of the language as well as the three R's. It was decided to teach the Laubach Method. When the class of 6 increased to 19, the need of a helper was met by Mrs. Meeks, of MacDonell staff. It is more convenient to teach them in their own homes, as little children have to be taken care of during class. This year I have taught 55 days at Dulac and 79 at MacDonell. Progress? Yes—four of the women can write their own letters and the others are able to write and read fairly well. We are helping them and the community not only for the moment, but for all future time. It helps develop in these people a concern for their fellowmen and raises their standards of living.

With the four WSCS, I have participated and attended a total of 32 WSCS meetings contacting 260 women. These women are now able to carry out the programs. Our dream of developing leadership among the Bayou people is becoming a reality. The attendance, pledges, and supply giving have increased as well as subscriptions to church papers. Zone meetings, Seminars, and District WSCS Conferences are well attended by all 4 societies. Racial segregation is disappearing as the Indians are made to feel a part of all activities.

The visits in the homes when there is sickness, death, or when all goes well means so much. This year the number of visits amounted to 314. Visitations not only include Dulac or near MacDonell, but all surrounding communities.

December is always a busy month. The churches in Houma Heights Charge united in presenting a pageant. There are rehearsals in the churches where the pageants are presented, and wrapping of Christmas gifts—what fun, and what work! But the meaning of Christmas is taught to all who want to hear.

May my efforts bring Christ to those with whom I work.

### **DULAC INDIAN MISSION Box 1150, Dulac, Louisiana**

Although this is the first annual report for most of the staff of Dulac Indian Mission, we feel quite at home. Our reception into the work at Dulac has been most warm and we have found many new friends here.

Our objectives at Dulac are to educate the people not only in the basic skills of communication and computation but in health, living standards, cleanliness, worship, living together and getting along with people, and thereby to raise the general socio-economic and spiritual life of the community. Another objective is to provide a wholesome place for recreation. Dulac Indian Mission provides the only recreation in Dulac outside of a tavern or dance hall.

To meet these objectives we have conducted an elementary school, kindergarten through the eighth grade. Public health nursing, from scratches to special duty nursing in major illnesses, is another important phase of our program. We have built a playground which includes swings, a slide, see-saws, a merry-go-round, and a softball diamond. We work with the local church school. Trips to points of interest, the capitol, a college football game, various parks, are enjoyed by our school children. We are providing facilities for our more promising children to continue their education. We now have three young people attending school on scholarships furnished by interested friends. Regular planned recreational activities meet a great need. We have a movie once a week; recreation nights two or three times a month. Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops have been formed. This is the first time any of the children have had an opportunity to parti-



cipate in any group like this. Mrs. Bergeron's adult education classes have been started and are in full swing.

We have drawn liberally upon the time and talents of the MacDonell Methodist Center staff. Mrs. Meeks has been teaching singing once a week and is now helping with the adult education. Miss Hair was instrumental in getting the Girl Scouts off to a fine start. Rev. Squires is now doing the same with our Boy Scouts.

In planning for the future we always keep in mind the needs of the community. We are constantly striving to make this more of a community center with emphasis upon education and recreation.

We are planning to have another work camp this summer in conjunction with MacDonell Center. We also plan to install indoor bathrooms for the boys and girls. We are planning more and more recreational activities for the people.

We believe that God has smiled upon the work here and we pray that He will continue to do so.

Carl Brunson, Principal  
Mildred Brunson, Teacher  
Wilhelmina Hooper, Teacher  
Jessie Louise Jackson, RN, Nurse

#### ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

1130 N. Rampart Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

"LADY, HOW MUCH DOES THIS COST?" Miss Smith, who was turning on the Television Set in the Game Room, looked up to see a quaint picture framed in the doorway. Nine year old Minda with her long blonde hair and piquant face, dressed in an old shirt and riding breeches that were definitely too small for her plump little body, stood beckoning to her imploringly. Miss Smith walked over to Minda and explained about the 25c membership fee and told her about all the groups she would be welcome to join. It seems that one of Minda's friends had told her about St. Mark's and on this afternoon Minda had decided to see what it was like. When she came into the building everything looked so nice she was a little awed and felt that it must cost a lot to belong to such club. She was afraid to venture any farther into the room because she did not have any money in her pocket at the time, so she asked eagerly, "Can I stay today if I bring my quarter tomorrow?" She stayed and the next afternoon was back with her quarter. That was just about two weeks ago but Minda has already spent many happy hours at St. Mark's.

Isn't it wonderful that you—THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH (with the help of the New Orleans Community Chest)—care enough to provide a beautiful place like St. Mark's with understanding leaders where girls and boys, yes and older folks, too, may come and plan and work and play together away from their crowded homes in such pleasant surroundings? Present services include a program of varied activities consisting of social clubs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts; interested groups including crafts, dramatics, group games; athletics with football and basketball teams; swimming, beginners classes, life saving classes; game room; many special events such as parties, truck rides, field trips, a May Festival—activities designed to afford a means of wholesome growth. Personal interviews, counseling, home visits, help leaders understand individuals, their needs and their problems. We also maintain a Day Care Center for children 2½ to 5 whose mothers must work.

The summer vacation period offers an opportunity for a different type of program and a more intensive one in some areas. We are always glad to cooperate with the Church in the Vacation Church School. One feature that we have developed over the past four years is what we call a "Play Camp" for want of a better name. This past summer we had 84 boys and girls, 6-14 years of age, for three weeks. All the activities, songs, stories, games, crafts, and outings, where possible, are built around a theme which is chosen to help young people broaden their horizons, grow in appreciation of each other and of other races

and groups. Our program last summer was built around the United Nations and the idea that we all need each other. The children did grow in understanding and appreciation and we brought the idea right down to everyday living. Sorry that space does not permit a more complete report. We, as well as the children, are enthusiastic about this program.

CAMPING also has a new emphasis in our program. We were unable to do some of the weekend camping we had planned this year because we could not find an available place at the price we could afford. However, MORE GIRLS had an opportunity to camp last summer; 37 girls enjoyed a week at the Group Camp at Fontainbleau State Park. It was the first camping experience for about 50 per cent of the group. It is a little hard for one who does not come from a small crowded home in a neighborhood such as ours to understand just what it means to a youngster to get out in the open for a week. We have scheduled two weeks at the same camp this summer. We plan to take 40 girls for 9 days and 20-25 boys for 4 days.

WE NEED TO ACQUIRE A PERMANENT CAMP SITE FOR ST. MARK'S. That's what we are working on now. That's where your coupons will help. We feel sure that if we pray and work together the Lord will show us the way.

Thank you so much for all you are doing to keep the good work going at St. Mark's.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fae L. Daves, Head Resident

### PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CENTER

Mrs. Pearl Turnbull, Teacher

"Dedicated To Serve People" — That is the objective of People's Methodist Community Center. That is the purpose for which it was founded some thirty years ago, and the reason for its continued operation through the years. There has been a constant need for expanding its services and facilities to meet the increasing demands of the community which it serves.

This already over-crowded area became even more so during the war years. Mothers in greater numbers have been forced to seek employment outside the home for economic reasons, easily understandable. Hence, the increased demands for the type of service offered by this institution.

On the occasion of our first Annual Convocation recently it was aptly brought out by one of the speakers, that we are now serving people from infancy to old age. These services begin with infants in the baby clinic which is operated two days each week and ends with the Golden Age Club which provides recreation and entertainment for the aged.

The Nursery Department, the Classes for Kindergarten and primary grades, the junior, teen-age and adult clubs, all provide some form of activity and recreation for the remaining groups.

Some years ago your worthy organization seeking to demonstrate in a tangible way the teachings of him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my little ones, ye have done it unto me," shouldered the responsibility of providing a teacher and needed supplies for the Nursery Class. It is in this capacity that I am now serving as your conference worker. There are at present forty-six (46) children enrolled in this class.

Several months ago the following supplies were requested through the office of the executive secretary and I am eagerly looking forward to receiving this needed material during the coming year.

Materials—Art Supplies, Constructive Play Material, Books, Toys, 2 dozen Crib sheets, Dennison Crepe paper, paper napkins and towels.

This material will aid tremendously in helping us to maintain a more efficient department, as well as provide wholesome enjoyment and pleasant educational activities for the children.

Again, I wish to express to you on behalf of People's Methodist Community Center sincerest thanks and appreciation for all that you are doing to promote the work of this Institution.

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**SAGER BROWN HOME AND GODMAN SCHOOL**  
**Baldwin, Louisiana**

Greetings from the staff and students of Sager Brown Home and Godman School.

Since last year's report our home and school have directly contributed to shaping the lives of approximately three hundred children. Twenty-eight per cent of this number have lived in our dormitories, twenty per cent have come from surrounding communities and helped to make the day school enrollment. The other fifty-two per cent have been reached through the Church school, Vacation Bible school, Boy Scouts, Youth Institutes, and our Recreational program.

The high cost of living makes it impossible for us to say our supplies have been totally adequate, but supplies have been good and certainly have helped to stretch our budget. Supply boxes from Louisiana have been the largest in number.

Physical improvement on the plant for the past two years have made the buildings modern and comfortable. We have met all public Health requirements with few exceptions, these are being considered. Old equipment replaced has been the Cooking Stove. A Tractor has been purchased. Forty acres of farm and garden land are now under cultivation. At present we have ten hogs, sixty laying hens and one hundred eighty baby chickens. The farm is being revived under the leadership of Reverend A. L. Hook who came to us from the Lexington Conference. Mrs. Hook is House Mother for the girls: both are rich in experience for their work at Sager Brown.

Our supplies for another year will fall under the headings of Medical, Toilet, School, Used and New Clothing for ages 2 years to 16 years. Many thanks to all the women of the Louisiana Conference who have contributed so richly to our program. Our Staff of ten workers have pledged ourselves to the task that is ours at Sager Brown Home. The prayers of Christian women throughout the Methodist church can help us to do this job of training for a better world.

Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent



**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**  
**BY-LAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**  
**WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

Constitution and By-Laws for all Conference Societies will be found in the new Hand Book, and the Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

**Article I**  
**Elections**

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected as Conference officers.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected biennially for a term of four years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of Student Work, a secretary of Youth Work, a secretary of Children's Work, a secretary of Status of Women, and a secretary of Missionary Personnel.

At the annual meeting of the fourth year of the quadrennium the following officers shall be elected: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a Promotion secretary, a secretary of Missionary Education and Service, a secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities a secretary of Literature and Publications, a secretary of Supply Work, a secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Election shall be by ballot, a majority-vote constituting election.

Section 3. (a) At the last annual meeting of the quadrennium the Conference Society shall elect six delegates to the Jurisdiction Society, all of whom shall be Conference officers. Three of these, including the president, shall be by office, the other three shall be elected by name.

(b) If and when vacancies occur in the offices designated during the quadrennium, the successor in office shall be considered the Conference representative. Vacancies among those elected by name shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

(c) Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 4. Delegates from the Conference Society to the quadrennial Assembly shall be the Conference president and one other Conference officer, elected by the Conference Executive Committee at the last meeting preceding the Assembly. Other representatives from the Conference shall be the Conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild or her representative, and one delegate from each District, who shall be a District officer, elected by the District Executive Committee at the last meeting preceding the Assembly. The expenses of the district representative to be paid by the Districts.

**Article II**  
**Vacancies**

Section 1. When vacancies among Conference officers, or standing committees occur during the year they shall be filled by the Administrative Committee with ratification by the Executive Committee until the next regular election.

Section 2. When one half or more of the unexpired term of office in the Conference or District is filled, it shall constitute a full term of office.

**Article III**  
**Executive Committee**

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Conference shall be composed of the officers, the District Presidents, District secretaries of Promotion, District treasurers and such persons as the Conference society may determine. A majority shall constitute a quorum. Any member of the Woman's Division, and any Jurisdiction officers residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be members of the Executive Committee.



Section 2. There shall be an Administrative Committee composed of the president, who shall be chairman; the vice-president, the Promotion secretary, the treasurer and officers residing in the District involved in matters of administration. This committee shall have the power to serve as an ad interim committee.

#### **Article IV Funds**

Section 1. All officers shall submit itemized expense accounts quarterly, and in as far as possible keep within the amount heretofore advanced: president \$25.00; vice-president, secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education and Service, Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work, and Missionary Personnel, \$12.50; treasurer, \$10.00; Literature and Publications, \$15.00. Itemized expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditures or afterwards.

Section 2. A sum not to exceed \$300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities for the promotion of this department of work in the Conference.

Section 3. Fifty cents per member shall be set aside by the treasurer for a cultivation fund, membership to be based on enrollment as of May 1 of the preceding year. Expense of officers, speakers at Annual meetings, expense of Executive meetings, expenses of delegates to Jurisdiction Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, expense for promotional and educational work of the Conference shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the Conference work shall revert to the general fund.

Section 4. Each local society shall include in its budget for District Cultivation Fund, an amount equal to ten cents per member, to be remitted to the District treasurer.

Section 5. District treasurers shall set aside \$25.00 each year for the expenses of a delegate to the Assembly.

#### **Article V Districts**

Section 1. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone shall be appointed by the District President for a term of two years with the privilege of re-appointment for one additional term. The zone leaders shall hold not less than two meetings in their respective zones each year. A collection may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the District treasurer.

Section 2. District officers shall be elected for a term of two years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office, with the possible exception of the treasurer, whose term is limited to eight years.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the offices shall be divided into two groups, with the election of one group each year. Group number one to be composed of: a president, a treasurer, secretaries of Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work, Status of Women and Missionary Personnel. Group number two shall be composed of: a vice-president, a recording secretary, secretaries of Promotions, Missionary Education and Service, Literature and Publications, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Spiritual Life Cultivation and Supply Work. Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 3. The District Executive Committee shall be composed of the District officers, the Conference and Jurisdiction officers and members of the Woman's Division residing in the District.

#### **Article VI Standing Committees**

Section 1. There shall be a Standing Committee on Spiritual Life whose endeavor shall be to quicken the spiritual life of all Methodist women by helping them to deepen their prayer life and to increase their sense of responsibility for personal service and giving.

The committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movement of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living. It shall promote Christian stewardship, informal studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall devise definite means of permeating the local church with a spiritual power that should lead to deeper consecration and to more active service.

Section 2. There shall be a Standing Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, which may include District secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities or other specially trained leaders in the field of social action, including the Wesleyan Service Guild members, and members of the department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. This committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society concerning the work of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in accord with the lines of work outlined by the Division and Jurisdiction.

Section 3. There shall be a Standing Committee on Study and Action, composed of the secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, of the Wesleyan Service Guild and of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

It shall be the duty of this committee to consider all plans and recommendations referred to the Conference by the Jurisdiction Committee on Summer Schools and Conferences; to make recommendations concerning the use of approved study courses, joint study courses and cooperative courses. It may recommend also special informal studies in line with major needs. This committee shall develop a correlated program of education and action for the year and make recommendations concerning the same to the Conference Society.

Section 4. There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance. This committee shall be composed of the treasurer of the Conference, as chairman; the president, the secretary of Promotion, the secretary of Missionary Education and Service, the secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the treasurers of the districts and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the Conference Society.

This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall study the strength of the society in the local churches, and the pledges made; become informed of Conference income and disbursements, local financial possibilities and problems; and assist by counsel in the forming of the Conference pledge and budget.

Section 5. There shall be a Standing Committee on Status of Women. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the status of women in the local church, the community, the state, the nation and in other lands. This study shall include the bases of Woman's place and the questions that affect her place in society and in the church. The committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society for the promotion of such lines of activities as will improve her status and enable her to serve effectively.

Section 6. There shall be a Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel, composed of the Conference secretary of Missionary Personnel, who shall be chairman, the Conference president, the Promotion secretary, the secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Student Work, the secretary of Youth Work, and the women members of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions and Church Extensions, and of the Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. Others with experience in personnel work may be co-opted.

This committee shall work in cooperation with the committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division. It shall search for consecrated young women of training and experience who may be available for Christian service; it shall interpret the standards of candidates for the types of service needed; it shall explain to prospective candidates the procedure in making applications to the Board; it shall recommend to the personnel secretary of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board the names of such persons who in the judgment of the committee shall be considered as prospective candidates; it shall cooperate in making plans for visitation within the Conference in the interest of personnel work. The committee shall send an annual report of its activities to the secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Jurisdiction.

Section 7. There shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any over-lapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the annual report, a copy of the By-Laws adopted by the Conference, of the Standing Rules and Rules of Order. The chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

Section 8. There shall be a Deaconess Advisory Committee in each District where a deaconess is employed, with the following personnel: the District president, who shall be the chairman; the District superintendent, Conference officers within the District, the pastor in charge of the local church, and the president of each society in the charge in which the work is undertaken. The committee shall meet semi-annually, at which time the worker employed by the Conference shall make a report. Written reports shall be made monthly to the District Promotion secretary, Conference president, and the Conference Promotion secretary.

(b) The District Advisory Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Conference the advisability of continuing each worker in the District.

(c) During the time that the work of the Rural Deaconess is coordinated with the work of the Annual Conference Board of Christian Education, she shall report quarterly to the Conference president, the Conference treasurer and the Executive secretary of the Board of Education. This committee shall direct her work.

Section 9. There shall be a Research Committee consisting of the District secretaries of Promotion. Conference secretary of Status of Women, with a chairman elected by the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to search for specially qualified women in the conference who may serve as officers and chairmen of standing committees. It shall report its findings when called for, to the Conference Society.

Section 10. There shall be a committee on Schools of Missions and Christian Service, with a chairman elected annually. This committee shall be composed of the Conference secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Promotion, Spiritual Life Cultivation. Literature and Publications, the vice-president and the Wesleyan Service Guild, and such other members as may be authorized by the Executive Committee. This committee shall plan and promote a Conference School of Missions and Christian Service which shall give emphasis to the world mission of the Christian Church through the integrated program of missionary education, Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life Cultivation and Program Building, and which shall train leadership for the promotion of the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Section 11. There shall be a Standing Committee on Annual Report composed of the Recording secretary, who shall be the chairman, the president, the treasurer, the secretary of Promotion and the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. It shall be the duty of this committee to edit and publish the Annual Report of the Conference.



Section 12. There shall be a Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild composed of the Conference secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, as chairman, the Guild secretary from each District in the Conference, and four representatives from the Woman's Society of Christian Service within the Conference, two of whom shall be the Conference Promotion secretary and the Conference treasurer; the other two to be elected by the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, and such additional members as the work demands.

It shall be the duty of the Guild Committee to assist the Conference secretary of the Guild in the promotion of Guild work in the Conference.

## **Article VII**

### **Amendments**

Section 1. All proposed changes to the by-laws shall be sent to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws thirty days before the annual meeting of the Conference, and typed copies shall be made for distribution to the delegates.

### **STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE**

1. All communications from Conference officers, such as circulars, letters, literature, etc., that go to the corresponding officers of the District or local society, the Conference officers are expected to provide postage for same.

2. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Conference session. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

3. Standing committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Conference. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

4. There shall be a District committee to visit home institutions within the bounds of the District, composed of the District treasurer, and the District secretary of Supply Work.

5. A typist shall be supplied at the annual meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

6. A half-hour of each forenoon during the annual meeting of Conference shall be devoted to worship.

7. Each District Seminar collection, after local expenses are paid, shall be turned over to the Conference secretary of Missionary Education and Service for the Seminar Cultivation.

### **RULES OF ORDER**

1. Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.

2. All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.

3. Courtesies shall be limited to ten minutes before the noon devotional service.

### **STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES**

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the District treasurer and the Promotion secretary.

2. In order that the society entertaining the annual conference may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, meals shall be served by an outside agency.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as delegate to the annual conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service that society may elect its zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling of an Executive meeting the last of each quarter, at which time, the reports should be made out and mailed to District Officers.

6. The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the District treasurer not later than July 15.

7. The Promotion secretary in each local society shall send the Memorial Roll to the Promotion secretary of the District not later than March 10.

8. Societies having the Circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

9. Representation at annual meetings of the Conference shall be one delegate for each hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each society, however small, will have one delegate.

10. The hostess society for the annual meeting shall provide homes for the Conference Executive Committee, and the delegates from societies with 20 members or less. Hotel accommodations shall be arranged for delegates from societies with more than 20 members, the expense to be paid by their society.

11. Thirty days before the annual meeting the Conference Recording secretary shall send to the president of each society in the Conference registration cards, which she will fill in the names of the delegates, and with check covering meals, and mail immediately to the chairman of Registration in the society entertaining the Conference.

12. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegate or delegates at the first meeting of the society after the Conference.

13. All monies remaining in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, except those designated for local work, shall be sent to the District treasurer to be channeled by her to the Conference treasurer.

14. All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Woman's Division shall be referred to the committee on Finance before being presented to the Society.

15. In view of the fact that letters have been received from certain business concerns asking the Woman's Division to endorse and promote through its channels their plans to help local Societies of Christian Service to make profits by selling their products, we urge a strong statement be sent in reply, refusing such endorsement.

16. Since the Woman's Society of Christian Service has a definite responsibility for the support of the program of the Woman's Division, the Louisiana Conference wishes to point out that it is not the responsibility of the Woman's Society officers at the Conference or District level to seek contributions from Woman's Society's treasuries for the support of projects which are the responsibility of the Annual Conference or the District of the church.

17. District, Conference, or Jurisdiction officers shall be members of the Executive Committee of their local Societies.

# LOCAL SOCIETY PRESIDENTS ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Zone I Leader: Mrs. C. C. Dethloff, 1321 Williams St., Natchitoches, La.

Church	Name	Address
Natchitoches, First Church	Mrs. Coleman Martin	103 Howell, Natchitoches, La.
Faith Church	Mrs. K. E. Wheat	1012 Collins St., Natchitoches, La.
Oak Grove	Mrs. Otis Wilkerson	1115 Magnolia St., Natchitoches, La.
Jena	Mrs. E. L. Miller	Jena, La. (Box 457)
Robeline	Mrs. Ruby Idom	Robeline, La.
Trout	Mrs. J. F. Justiss	Goodpine, La.
Urania	Mrs. Herbert May	Box 511, Urania, La.
Winnfield	Mrs. Willie Gaar	Box 846, Winnfield, La.

Zone II Leader: Mrs. W. K. Collins, Reagan St., Pineville, La.

Ball	Mrs. T. A. Dillard	Rt. 2, Pineville, La.
Bethel-Deville	Mrs. George DeWolfe	Box 1693, Alexandria, La.
Boyce	Mrs. A. M. Dean	Boyce, La.
Colfax	Mrs. Roy Rachal	Colfax, La.
Montgomery	Mrs. E. A. Keasler	Montgomery, La.
Mt. Zion	Mrs. J. C. Cordoyier	Rt. 1, Montgomery, La.
Oak Grove-Effie	Mrs. Ira Fuqua	Rt. 3, Box 157, Alexandria, La.
Palestine	Mrs. H. L. Bruce	Rt. 1, Box 150-A, Pineville, La.
Pineville	Mrs. John U. Dale	109 Claiborne, Pineville, La.
Pollock	Miss Mollie Stewart	Pollock, La.

Zone III Leader: Mrs. Roy Waitz, Rt. 21, Alexandria, La.

Alexandria: First Church	Mrs. George M. Connell	Boyce Road, Alexandria, La.
Trinity	Mrs. W. H. Rollins	87 Louisiana Ave., Alexandria, La.
Wesley	Mrs. Tommy Young	Willow Glenn, Alexandria, La.
Elizabeth	Mrs. B. E. Thibodeaux	Elizabeth, La.
Fellowship	Mrs. A. Z. Hoyer	Hineston, La.
Friendship	Mrs. Versa Gilbert	Melder, La.
Glenmore	Mrs. R. H. Andrews	Longleaf, La.
Oakdale	Mrs. W. Hayes Stanley	411 S. 10th St., Oakdale, La.



Zone IV Leader: Mrs. D. M. Carlton, LeCompte, La.

Bunkie	Mrs. C. W. Tebow	Bunkie, La.
Evergreen	Mrs. Ray Mathieu	Rt. 1, Evergreen, La.
Marksville	Mrs. Gladney Couvillion	Marksville, La.
Simmesport	Mrs. Earl Goode	Simmesport, La.
Ville Platte	Mrs. M. O. Malloy	Rt. 1, Box 510, Ville Platte, La.
White's Chapel	Mrs. Richard Staggs	Rt. 3, Bunkie, La.
LeCompte	Mrs. J. I. Roby	LeCompte, La.
Cheneyville	Mrs. May Terrell	Cheneyville, La.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Zone I Leader: Mrs. Percy McGehee, 2815 Lobelia, Baton Rouge, La.

Baton Rouge:	Mrs. T. L. James	2157 Ovid, Baton Rouge, La.
1st Church	Mrs. H. A. Sheppard	Rt. 1, Box 197, Baker, La.
Ingleside	Mrs. H. H. Northouse	2645 Pimpernel, Baton Rouge, La.
Istrouma	Mrs. W. C. Hunter	4434 Baton Rouge Ave., Baton Rouge, La.
North Baton Rouge	Mrs. L. W. Eaton, Jr.	2479 July, Baton Rouge, La.
University	Mrs. W. A. Ginnocchio	4958 Mohican Dr., Baton Rouge, La.
Winbourne	Mrs. Jesse W. Davis, Jr.	2631 Farrar St., Baton Rouge, La.
Blackwater	Mrs. E. T. Keowan	Lottie, La.
Lottie	Mrs. Lewis Perkins, Jr.	Box 231, New Roads, La.
New Roads	Mrs. Charles Schwimg	Plaquemine, La.
Plaquemine	Mrs. G. W. Booksh	Gross Tete, La.
Rosedale		

Zone II Leader: Mrs. Mary Tony, Franklinton, La.

Angie	Mrs. Arthur Hood	Angie, La.
Bogalusa	Mrs. J. L. Kellum	1107 Louisiana Ave., Bogalusa, La.
Fisher	Mrs. Dorman Stafford	Rt. 3, Franklinton, La.
Franklinton	Mrs. H. P. Magee	Franklinton, La.
Mt. Hermon	Mrs. Fleet Miller	Mt. Hermon, La.
Varnado	Mrs. Alma L. Fornea	Varnado, La.

Zone III Leader: Mrs. A. D. Hunstock, Denham Springs, La.

Bethel	Mrs. A. L. Reames	Pride, La.
Carpenter's Chapel	Mrs. Mae DeLaune	Hobart, La.
Deerford	Mrs. C. E. Decker	Deerford, La.
Denham Springs	Mrs. J. O. Burnett	Denham Springs, La.
Faithful	Mrs. Glen D. Williams	RFD Box 57 F, Prairieville, La.
Friendship	Mrs. W. T. Wise	Greenwell Springs, La.
Live Oak	Mrs. Laura Hunstock	Denham Springs, La.
Magnolia	Mrs. J. C. Bailey, Sr.	Greenwell Springs, La.
Mangum Chapel	Mrs. Roy Sibley	Corbin, La.
Meadows Chapel	Mrs. Davis Braux	Box 4, Prairieville, La.
New River	Mrs. R. L. Armstrong	Sorrento, La.
Walker	Mrs. Eloise Clouatre	Corbin, La.

Zone IV Leader: Mrs. Guy Adams, 909 Robert St., Hammond, La.

Amite	Mrs. W. H. Brumfield	Amite, La.
Cooper's Chapel	Mrs. H. Neal	Loranger, La.
Day's Church		
Hammond	Mrs. T. A. Scarborough	408 E. Robert, Hammond, La.
Kentwood	Mrs. Herbert Broyles, Jr.	Kentwood, La.
Lee's Landing	Mrs. Corinne Raiford	Ponchatoula, La.
Loranger	Mrs. L. M. Cook	Loranger, La.
Montpelier	Mrs. Cornelia Band	Montpelier, La.
Pine Grove	Mrs. H. T. Dykes	Montpelier, La.
Pine Ridge	Mrs. C. B. Watson	Kentwood, RFD, La.
Ponchatoula	Mrs. Glenn T. Scott	345 South 4th, Ponchatoula, La.
Springfield	Mrs. L. J. Savoy	Rt. 1, Box 83, Hammond, La.
Tangipahoa	Mrs. Odie Lambert, Jr.	Tangipahoa, La.
Tickfaw	Mrs. Jessie Faller	Tickfaw, La.
Wesley Chapel	Mrs. Sophie McPhaul	RFD Ponchatoula, La.

Zone V Leader: Mrs. J. A. Jacobs, Zachary, La.

Baker	Mrs. Leonard Rodriguez	Baker, La.
Clinton	Mrs. Mack Hubbs	Clinton, La.
Ethel	Mrs. Leslie Moody	Ethel, La.
Jackson	Mrs. T. D. Dawson	Jackson, La.
New Hope-Concord	Mrs. Ivy Hood	Spillman, La.
St. Francisville	Mrs. Murphy Dreher, Sr.	St. Francisville, La.
Slaughter	Mrs. Lydia Corcoran	Slaughter, La.
Zachary	Mrs. R. O. McCraime	Zachary, La.

**LAFAYETTE DISTRICT**

Abbeville	Mrs. Aaron Nunez	Rt. 3, Box 8, Abbeville, La.
Bayou Blue	Mrs. Agnes Matherne	Rt. 2, Box 232, Houma, La.
Church Point	Mrs. Walter A. Wilson	Box 78, Church Point, La.
Crowley, First	Mrs. A. E. Stanton	316 N. Avenue L, Crowley, La.
Crowley, Wesley	Mrs. Jesse Spell	Crowley, La.
Donaldsonville	Mrs. C. W. McCord	317 Church St., Donaldsonville, La.
Dulac	Mrs. D. J. Bergeron	Box 270, Houma, La.
Ebenezer	Mrs. Elmer Jeffers	Rt. 1, Crowley, La.
Franklin	Mrs. M. A. Keenze	404 Main St., Franklin, La.
Houma	Mrs. J. W. Bolton	306 Wright St., Houma, La.
Houma Heights	Mrs. M. A. Porche	352 Gum St., Houma, La.
Indian Bayou	Mrs. Avery Hoffpauir	Rt. 1, Box 329, Maurice, La.
Kaplan	Mrs. Thyra Montgomery	320 W. 4th St., Kaplan, La.
Krotz Springs	Mrs. A. C. Artigue	Krotz Springs, La.
Lafayette, First	Mrs. Elloi Girard	500 E. College Ave., Lafayette, La.
Lafayette, Davidson	Mrs. J. H. Shuman	507 St. Catherine St., Lafayette, La.
Maxie	Mrs. E. T. Anding	Rt. 1, Box 67, Rayne, La.
Melville	Mrs. A. D. St. Amant	Melville, La.
Morgan City	Mrs. R. C. Hammond	410 Union St., Morgan City, La.
New Iberia	Mrs. W. H. Dupuy	138 Duperier St., New Iberia, La.
Opelousas	Mrs. B. A. Rose	350 W. Vine St., Opelousas, La.
Palmetto	Mrs. C. E. Pickett	Lemoyne, La.
Port Barre	Mrs. John Futral	Rt. 1, Box 561-12, Port Barre, La.
Rayne	Mrs. H. A. McDonald	501 N. Parkerson St., Rayne, La.
Thibodaux	Mrs. Gilbert Beasley	1425 Himalaya St., Thibodaux, La.



# LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

## Zone I

DeRidder	Mrs. Fred Schweitzer	313 Broad St., DeRidder, La.
DeQuincy	Mrs. J. M. Hauberry	605 Harrison, DeQuincy, La.
Holly Grove	Mrs. J. M. Pickett	Flores, La.
Leesville	Mrs. A. L. Temple	1605 First St., Leesville, La.
Merryville	Mrs. R. L. Owen	Merryville, La.
Pine Grove	Mrs. Victor Martin	Rt. 2, Box 86, Pitkin, La.
Prospect	Mrs. G. C. Lee	Rt. 1, Flores, La.
Wesley	Mrs. Mid Cole	Box 4, DeRidder, La.

## Zone II

Cameron	Mrs. U. E. Hackett	Cameron, Louisiana
Lake Charles, First	Mrs. R. M. France	924 Tenth St., Lake Charles, La.
Maplewood	Mrs. Johnnie Webb	8 Mulberry Road, Maplewood, La.
Oak Park	Mrs. James Leithead	1715 Sixteenth St., Lake Charles, La.
Simpson	Mrs. C. W. Tolbert	1704 Fourth St., Lake Charles, La.
Sulphur	Mrs. Alton Granger	213 Oak St., Sulphur, La.
University	Mrs. W. E. Rhorer	Rt. 3, Box 250, Lake Charles, La.
Vinton	Mrs. Howard Jardell	Box 323, Vinton, La.
Westlake	Mrs. L. H. Cashen	Box 186, Westlake, La.

## Zone III

Basile	Mrs. J. Stockwell	Basile, Louisiana
Elton	Mrs. Walter Tietje	Elton, Louisiana
Eunice	Mrs. R. O. Harris	Box 868, Eunice, Louisiana
Gueydan	Mrs. Dennis Hartwell	Gueydan, Louisiana
Iowa	Mrs. W. F. Chapman	Iowa, Louisiana
Jennings	Mrs. Russell Berkeley	602 E. May St., Jennings, Louisiana
Kinder	Mrs. Homer Perry	Kinder, Louisiana
Lake Arthur	Mrs. Jack Williams	Lake Arthur, Louisiana
Raymond	Mrs. E. M. Brown	Rt. 1, Box 68, Elton, Louisiana
Welsh	Mrs. Harry B. Kyle	401 West Russell St., Welsh, Louisiana

# MONROE DISTRICT

Zone I Leader: Mrs. M. D. Feider, 2900 Gordon Ave., Monroe	
Brownville	Mrs. E. J. Moffett.....208 Wheelis St., West Monroe, La.
Claiborne	Mrs. E. C. Gaskin.....Rt. 1, West Monroe, La.
Crew Lake	Mrs. V. E. Smith.....Rt. 5, Rayville, La.
Fairbanks	Mrs. Ernest Dupuis.....Fairbanks, La.
Luna	Mrs. J. L. Wright.....Rt. 3, Box 186, West Monroe, La.
McGuire	Mrs. W. T. Butler.....Arkansas Road, West Monroe, La.
Monroe, First Church	Mrs. E. N. Jackson.....209 Roselawn, Monroe, La.
Gordon Avenue	Mrs. Harold Hunt.....2314 S. Grand, Monroe, La.
Memorial Methodist	Mrs. W. A. Cotton.....401 DeSiard, Monroe, La.
St. Paul's	Mrs. John Sherrouse, Jr. ....4500 DeSiard Road, Monroe, La.
Stone Avenue	Mrs. Ira H. Waldroup.....3406 Richmond, Monroe, La.
South Side	Mrs. W. O. Danzey.....711 Plum St., Monroe, La.
West Monroe, First Church	Mrs. E. L. Page.....702 South Second St., West Monroe, La.
Sterlington	Mrs. L. B. Ganaway.....Sterlington, La.

## Zone II Leader: Mrs. A. H. Harper, Collinston, Louisiana

Bartholemew	Mrs. Lewis Warner.....Rt. 4, Bastrop, La.
Bastrop	Mrs. Fred Morgan.....867 Clara St., Bastrop, La.
Beekman	Mrs. D. L. Johnson.....Rt. 3, Bastrop, La.
Bonita	Mrs. W. F. Ragsdale.....Bonita, Louisiana
Bonne Idee	Mrs. Wm. Cox, Sr. ....Rt. 1, Mer Rouge, La.
Collinston	Mrs. A. J. Tarver.....Collinston, La.
Jones	Mrs. W. L. Pugh.....Jones, Louisiana
Mer Rouge	Mrs. W. T. Blackwell.....Mer Rouge, La.
Oak Ridge	Mrs. H. J. Norris.....Oak Ridge, La.

## Zone III Leader: Mrs. E. C. Ellzey, 1605 Moore St., Winnsboro

Buckner	Mrs. F. B. Hatch.....Rt. 3, Rayville, Louisiana
Crowville	Mrs. E. A. Vickers.....Crowville, Louisiana
Douciere	Mrs. J. U. Douciere.....Rt. 3, Rayville, Louisiana
Gilbert	Mrs. Eva Holcomb.....Gilbert, Louisiana
Little Creek	Mrs. Benton Barnore.....Rt. 1, Rayville, Louisiana
Mangham	Mrs. Christine McConnell.....Mangham, Louisiana

Rayville	Mrs. Evan E. James	Rt. 5, Rayville, Louisiana
Sicily Island	Mrs. W. S. Peck, Sr.	Sicily Island, Louisiana
Winnsboro	Mrs. Joe Pankey	607 Highland, Winnsboro, Louisiana
Wisner	Mrs. Cecil Brewer, Jr.	Wisner, Louisiana

Zone IV Leader: Mrs. S. A. Holt, Oak Grove, La.

Delhi	Mrs. Reese Halley	Delhi, Louisiana
Epps	Mrs. A. C. Smith	Epps, Louisiana
Holly Ridge	Miss Marjorie Holloway	Holly Ridge, Louisiana
Goodwill	Mrs. Ellis Jeffcoat	Rt. 3, Oak Grove, Louisiana
Lake Providence	Mrs. L. W. Baker	Lake Providence, Louisiana
Oak Grove	Mrs. J. Vernon Sims	Oak Grove, Louisiana
Tallulah	Mrs. Webb B. Williams	302 Grant St., Tallulah, Louisiana
Floyd	Mrs. Chas. Holley	Pioneer, Louisiana

Zone V Leader: Mrs. Tom Tate Hargrove, Newellton, La.

Ferriday	Mrs. Joyce Strozier	c/o Ellis Stores, Ferriday, Louisiana
Clayton	Mrs. R. L. Wright	Clayton, Louisiana
Harrisonburg	Mrs. Gene Boyd	Harrisonburg, Louisiana
Jonesville	Mrs. Ernest Young	Jonesville, Louisiana
St. Joseph	Mrs. Clyde Ratcliff	St. Joseph, Louisiana
Vidalia	Mrs. Bob Patton	Vidalia, Louisiana
Waterproof	Mrs. W. W. Halbert	Rt. 3, St. Joseph, Louisiana
Wesley Chapel	Mrs. B. W. Berry	St. Joseph, Louisiana

Zone VI Leader: Mrs. J. J. McKeithen, Sr., Rt. 2, Columbia, La.

Columbia	Miss Adele Redditt	Columbia, Louisiana
Columbia Heights	Mrs. Fannie Ray	Rt. 2, Columbia, Louisiana
Grayson	Mrs. Ted Johnston	Grayson, Louisiana
Kelly	Mrs. Annie Mae Girod	Kelly, Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Zone I Leader: Mrs. M. Travis Holloway, 446 Brockenburgh Ct., Metairie, La.	
Carrollton Avenue	Mrs. R. R. Cahall
Destrehan	Mrs. J. T. Sanders
Eighth Street	Mrs. J. H. Goeddertz
Felicity	Mrs. W. A. Tindell

First Church, New Orleans	Mrs. George H. Hudson	2512 Palmer Ave., New Orleans, La.
Harahan	Mrs. A. Larpenter	1737 Camille Drive, Harahan, La.
Jefferson	Mrs. P. R. Lezina	525 LaBarre Road, New Orleans 23, La.
Kenner	Mrs. L. H. Bailey	Sauve Road, Harahan, La.
La Place	Mrs. Julius Babin	La Place, La.
Luling	Mrs. L. L. Gardner	Box 128, Paradis, La.
Lutcher	Mrs. W. E. Edmonson	Lutcher, La.
Munholland	Mrs. C. H. Bauer	56 Tokalon Place, Metairie, La.
Napoleon Avenue	Mrs. F. W. Vollenweider	4615 Derbigny St., New Orleans 25, La.
Paradis	Mrs. Ernest Theriot	Des Allemands, La.
Parker Memorial	Mrs. Ray Maxwell	1332 Joseph St., New Orleans, La.
Rayne Memorial	Mrs. Lonnie Clark	4438 Carondelet St., New Orleans, La.
Severn Avenue	Mrs. H. C. Goetz, Jr.	416 Metairie Lawn Drive, New Orleans 20
Zone II Leader: Mrs. T. E. Bruning, Sr., Box 324, Covington, La.		
Covington	Mrs. T. E. Bruning, Sr.	Box 324, Covington, La.
Fitzgerald	Mrs. DeWitt Bush	Lee Road, Covington, La.
Lacombe	Mrs. John T. Frederic	Lacombe, La.
Pearl River	Mrs. J. J. Holcomb	Pearl River, La.
Slidell	Mrs. A. Solberger	Front St., Slidell, La.
Waldheim	Mrs. Thelma Fussell	Columbia Road, Covington, La.
Zone III Leader: Mrs. B. D. Quillen, Rt. 2, Box 71, Chalmette, La.		
Aldersgate	Mrs. Elmo J. Riggs	7227 Claiborne Ave., Arabi, La.
Algiers	Mrs. C. S. Wood	1918 Bodenger Blvd., New Orleans 14, La.
Buras-Triumph	Mrs. M. A. Ramsey	Triumph, La.
Canal Street	Mrs. L. C. Friedrich	2400 Chatham St., New Orleans, La.
Church of Redeemer	Mrs. A. A. Richerand	8936 Forshey St., New Orleans, La.
Elysian Fields	Mrs. W. Weilbaecher	3016 Paris Ave., New Orleans 22, La.
Gentilly	Mrs. A. J. Bech	4615 Baccich St., New Orleans 22, La.
Gretna	Mrs. G. O. Willis	722 Anson St., Gretna, La.
Lake Vista	Mrs. J. R. Bowen	41 Egret St., New Orleans, La.
St. Bernard	Mrs. W. Colburn	Ivy Place, Chalmette, La.
St. Luke's	Mrs. M. L. Clayton	4207 Franklin St., New Orleans, La.
St. Mark's	Mrs. George Maronge	1322 Conti St., New Orleans, La.
Second Church, New Orleans	Mrs. F. Williams	2200 Gallier St., New Orleans, La.
John Wesley	Mrs. Jas. Newton, Jr.	1541 Esteban St., Arabi, La.



# **RUSTON DISTRICT**

Antioch	Mrs.	R. M. Bingham	Rt. 2, Simsboro, Louisiana
Arcadia	Mrs.	E. R. Hester	Arcadia, Louisiana
Athens	Mrs.	Leon DeLoach	Athens, Louisiana
Bienville	Mrs.	C. K. Collinsworth	Bienville, Louisiana
Bernice	Mrs.	G. E. Lindsey, Jr.	Bernice, Louisiana
Brushwood	Mrs.	LaVelle Perryman	Dubberly, Louisiana
Calhoun	Mrs.	Claude Roberts	Calhoun, Louisiana
Chatham	Mrs.	J. A. Davis	Chatham, Louisiana
Castor	Mrs.	Flora Cardwell	c/o L&A Depot, Castor, La.
Colquitt	Mrs.	Harold Greer	Rt. 2, Haynesville, Louisiana
Cotton Valley	Mrs.	R. A. Bisher	Cotton Valley, Louisiana
Cross Roads	Mrs.	Joe Harmon	Athens, Louisiana
Doyline	Mrs.	C. W. Thompson	Doyline, Louisiana
Downsville	Mrs.	R. J. McGehee	Downsville, Louisiana
Dubach	Mrs.	Joe C. Smith	Dubach, Louisiana
Eros	Mrs.	Fred Capps	Rt. 2, Eros, Louisiana
Farmerville	Mrs.	Cecil Read	Farmerville, Louisiana
Gibbsland	Mrs.	Doyle Moore	Gibbsland, Louisiana
Grace (Ruston)	Mrs.	T. E. Haley	313 W. Alabama Ave., Ruston, Louisiana
Harmony Chapel	Mrs.	Jennings Fuller	Rt. 2, Dubach, Louisiana
Haynesville	Mrs.	B. L. Bevil, Jr.	Haynesville, Louisiana
Heflin	Mrs.	J. P. Jones	Heflin, Louisiana
Hodge	Mrs.	John Dennis	Hodge, Louisiana
Homer	Mrs.	L. C. Sims	Homer, Louisiana
Jonesboro	Mrs.	R. H. Long	Jonesboro, Louisiana
Lisbon	Mrs.	D. O. McDonald	Lisbon, Louisiana
Lakeview (Minden)	Mrs.	Clyde Prescott	Shreveport Road, Minden, Louisiana
Marion	Mrs.	Jimmie Allen	Marion, Louisiana
Minden (First)	Mrs.	J. B. Williams	119 Dixie St., Minden, Louisiana
Mt. Pleasant	Miss	Della Jordan	Chatham, Louisiana
Quitman	Mrs.	H. G. Koonce	Quitman, Louisiana
Ringgold	Mrs.	Etovile Conly	Ringgold, Louisiana
Salem	Mrs.	Dorace Nobles	Hilly, Louisiana
Simsboro	Mrs.	Harold Bartlett	Rt. 2, c/o Pat Hyatt, Ruston, Louisiana

Springhill	Mrs.	T. T. Curry	Springhill, Louisiana
Shongaloo	Mrs.	I. D. Duke	Shongaloo, Louisiana
Summerfield	Mrs.	L. A. Wasson	Summerfield, Louisiana
Sibley	Mrs.	Marshall Gray	Sibley, Louisiana
Strange	Mrs.	Tom Reece	Rt. 2, Chestnut, Louisiana
Trinity (Ruston)	Mrs.	Glenn E. Laskey	710 N. Vienna St., Ruston, Louisiana

# **SHREVEPORT DISTRICT**

Zone I Leader: Mrs. H. D. Braselton, Oil City, La.

Barksdale	Mrs.	W. R. LeSeur	619 Carrollton St., Bossier City, La.
Belcher	Mrs.	W. A. Sawyer	Belcher, Louisiana
Benton	Mrs.	Roy Wesson	Benton, Louisiana
Blanchard	Mrs.	J. C. Watson	Blanchard, Louisiana
Bossier City	Mrs.	A. C. Davis	2613 Barbara St., Bossier City, La
Curtis Park	Mrs.	Morris W. Gremillion	1411 Broadway, Bossier City, La.
Gilliam	Mrs.	X. L. Bell	Rt. 1, Vivian, Louisiana
Haughton	Mrs.	A. Pepper	Haughton, Louisiana
Hosston	Mrs.	M. A. Roberson	Gilliam, Louisiana
Ida	Mrs.	Crit Petty, Sr.	Ida, Louisiana
Mooringsport	Mrs.	Henry Groll	Mooringsport, Louisiana
Munnerlyn Chapel	Mrs.	D. O. Wysinger	Mira, Louisiana
Oil City	Mrs.	R. D. Burton	Oil City, Louisiana
Plain Dealing	Mrs.	J. H. Allen	Plain Dealing, Louisiana
Rodessa	Mrs.	M. F. Smith	Box 3, Rodessa, Louisiana
Vivian	Mrs.	C. H. McEachern	Vivian, Louisiana

Zone II Leader: Mrs. J. S. Segura, Mansfield, La.

Bethany	Mrs.	J. B. Robinson	Bethany, Louisiana
Bethel	Mrs.	J. H. Ginn	Rt. 1, Logansport, Louisiana
Converse	Mrs.	M. G. Vines	Box 1114, Converse, Louisiana
Coushatta	Mrs.	Henry Holley	Coushatta, Louisiana
Cross Roads	Mrs.	Rex Wood	Rt. 1, Coushatta, Louisiana
East Point	Mrs.	C. R. Conley	East Point, Louisiana
Grand Cane	Mrs.	A. F. Abington	Grand Cane, Louisiana
Greenwood	Mrs.	E. W. Bryson	Greenwood, Louisiana

Hall Summit	Mrs. Leonard Swint	Hall Summit, Louisiana
Keithville	Mrs. Grace Keith	Keithville, Louisiana
Logansport	Mrs. W. J. Garland	Logansport, Louisiana
Many	Mrs. Edwin M. Fraser	Many, Louisiana
Mansfield	Mrs. B. W. Goss	Myra St., Mansfield, Louisiana
Mitchell	Mrs. E. L. Craig	Mitchell, Louisiana
Pelican	Mrs. J. H. Joyner	Pelican, Louisiana
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. T. W. Hardee	Pleasant Hill, Louisiana
Stonewall	Mrs. W. L. Gilmer	Stonewall, Louisiana
Zwolle	Mrs. J. O. Kimbrell, Jr.	Zwolle, Louisiana
Zone III Leader: Mrs. George F. Barnes, 165 Ockley Drive, Shreveport, La.		
Broadmoor	Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.	467 Albany St., Shreveport, La.
Caddo Heights	Mrs. Frank Giles	4019 St. Vincent Ave., Shreveport, La.
Cedar Grove	Mrs. J. R. Fouts	215 West 68th St., Shreveport, La.
Ellerbe Road	Mrs. E. L. Ray	Forbing, Louisiana
First Church, Shreveport	Mrs. T. Haller Jackson	924 Oneonta St., Shreveport, La.
Mangum Memorial	Mrs. J. E. Thompson	3629 Lillian St., Shreveport, La.
Morningside	Mrs. F. T. Jamieson, Jr.	2736 Elmhurst St., Shreveport, La.
Noel Memorial	Mrs. Maurice Tatum	110 Justin St., Shreveport, La.
North Highlands	Mrs. Eulard Efurd	3435 N. Market St., Shreveport, La.
Park Avenue	Mrs. Walter Daniels	1615 Fair Place, Shreveport, La.
Trinity	Mrs. D. D. Simmons	2831 DeVaughan St., Shreveport, La.
Summer Grove	Mrs. W. L. Fridge	Keithville, Louisiana
Wesley	Mrs. Floyd Morton	3636 Alexander St., Shreveport, La.
Wynn Memorial	Mrs. C. L. Ashworth	273 Vine St., Shreveport, La.

# WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

## 1954-55 Calendar of Activities

### JUNE

#### Program — Students in Today's World

**PROMOTION:** Look at the Treasure Hunt in this issue. Plan with president and Committee on Membership to carry through.

**MISSIONARY EDUCATION.** Attend or plan to have someone attend your School of Missions and Christian Service.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE:** Cooperate with your pastor in the church-wide emphasis on stewardship. Make plans for enrollment in the Fellowship of Intercession.

**SUPPLY WORK:** Do not be confused by the WSCS askings—remember we have two Special Interests for Supply: (1) Louisiana Rural Work, (2) Health and Nursing Program in India at Vicarabad, and something for each of the Nine (9) Special Interests of the Wesleyan Service Guild (pages 61-70 Guild Handbook).

**GENERAL:** Make plans for sending delegate to Camp Brewer for Annual Guild Week End.

### JULY

#### Program — Women and the Rural Community

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Call meeting of the Committee on Program and others if needed to begin program plans.

**LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS:** Order the Program Book and Worship Booklet, Except the Lord Keep the City; also My Date Book, the new Prayer Calendar, and the new handbooks: for the Treasurer, for the Secretary of Literature and Publications.

**GENERAL:** Annual Guild Week End, July 30-31, August 1, at Camp Brewer, Highway 90.

### AUGUST

#### Program — Seedtime and Harvest

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program. Present the World Federation of Methodist Women.

**TREASURER:** Send first quarter's receipts by August 5. Study the Handbook for the Treasurer.

**PROMOTION:** In executive committee meeting be sure to check with others before filling out report to be mailed to district secretaries by August 31.

**MISSIONARY EDUCATION:** Attend Conference School of Missions at Centenary, Shreveport.

**SUPPLY WORK:** A summer Christmas party is recommended with a cash offering for Supply Work for our Foreign Special Interests.

### SEPTEMBER

#### Program — Jesus' Concern for Cities

**PROMOTION:** Relate progress of Treasure Hunts to Goals. Have you enlisted new members?

**MISSIONARY EDUCATION:** Begin the study, The City. Appoint committee to suggest action following study.

**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES:** Call your committee together for special planning to alert Methodists to election issues and responsibilities.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE:** Form Prayer Groups.

**LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS:** Order material for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

**STATUS OF WOMEN:** Call pastor's attention to names of women who have special qualifications for church committees (this information to come from recent Service Activity Card survey).

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** Distribute My Date Book, or Year Book, which includes program calendar. Plan for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.



## **OCTOBER**

**Program — The Fourth Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild**

**MISSIONARY EDUCATION:** Cooperate in the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, and enlist support for the missions projects.

**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES:** Cooperate in community-wide observance of U. N. Day.

**LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS:** Cooperate in a combination drive for subscriptions to The Methodist Woman and World Outlook.

**SUPPLY WORK:** Pack a Christmas box according to askings for the Home Missions institutions of the Woman's Division.

## **NOVEMBER**

**Program — New Nations Shall Turn To the Lord**

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Quarterly meeting of Committee on Program.

**TREASURER:** Send second quarter's receipts by November 5. With the secretary of Promotion, plan for promotion of continuing use of the Treasure Chest and the Widening Fellowship Plan by your members.

**PROMOTION:** At executive meeting check with other officers and chairmen in filling out report to be mailed to district secretaries by November 30.

**MISSIONARY EDUCATION:** Begin study: India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES:** Work with other church women on all phases of World Community Day program.

**LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS:** Suggest literature for Christmas gifts, especially The Methodist Woman and World Outlook.

## **DECEMBER**

**Program — The Price of Peace**

**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES:** Observe Human Rights Day, December 10.

**STATUS OF WOMEN:** Study places women are serving on your local church boards, and places where women may serve. Use poster, "The Legal Status of Women in The Methodist Church."

**MEMBERSHIP:** Plan to welcome new members in January.

## **JANUARY**

**Program — The Family—Stewards of the Christian Life**

**GENERAL:** Epiphany recognition service for new members.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Present the World Federation of Methodist Women.

**PROMOTION:** Emphasize the educational value of the Treasure Chest. How much have you learned about the 28 countries? Make your new members a part of the Widening Fellowship.

**MISSIONARY EDUCATION:** Cooperate in the church-wide study, Crowded Ways. Bring missionary news from The Methodist Woman, World Outlook, field literature to monthly meetings.

**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES:** Use Church and Economic Life Week, January 16-22, 1955, as a time to initiate plans for the study, That They May Have Life.

**WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD:** Guild month. Publicize your units and its activities by means of radio and newspaper.

**LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS:** Order Fifteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Division.

## **FEBRUARY**

**Program — New Ventures on Old Roads**

**GENERAL:** Elect a Committee on Nominations.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program.

**TREASURER:** Send third quarter's receipts by February 5.

**PROMOTION:** In executive meeting check with all officers and

chairmen before filling out report to be mailed to district secretaries by February 28.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE:** Urge attendance at the World Day of Prayer.

## **MARCH**

### **Program — The Young Girl Goes To the City**

**PROMOTION:** Officer's Training Day materials need to be ordered by Secretary of Literature and Publications.

**MISSIONARY EDUCATION:** Begin the study, That They May Have Life.

**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES:** Convene your committee to take stock of issues confronting the 84th Congress.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE:** Plan for Day Apart service during Lent.

**SUPPLY WORK:** Present Supply Work and take a cash offering.

## **APRIL**

### **Program — United Work of Protestant Church Women in the United States**

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Present World Federation of Methodist Women.

**TREASURER:** Call a meeting of Finance Committee to prepare the 1955-1956 budget. Urge all members to complete pledge payments.

## **MAY**

### **Program — Be Ye Doers of the Word**

**GENERAL:** Adopt budget; elect and install officers; plan for representation at Summer School of Missions; Guild Weekend, and Conference School of Missions.

**PRESIDENT:** Report of year's work. Plan Officers' Training Day.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Pledge Service. Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program.

**TREASURER:** Send fourth quarter's receipts, including all available funds, by May 10.

**PROMOTION:** In Executive meeting, be sure to check with all officers and chairmen before filling out report to be mailed to district secretaries by May 31. Send list of newly elected officers with complete addresses to district secretary of Promotion. Do your part in setting up Officers' Training Day.

**MISSIONARY EDUCATION:** Begin the Study, Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women.

**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES:** Cooperate in observance of Family Week.

**LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS:** Order Program Books and Worship Booklets for 1955-56. Secure new subscriptions and renewals.

### **CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD**

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE**

Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary — Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop, Louisiana.

Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman of Spiritual Life — Miss Helen Adams, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman of Missionary Education and Service — Miss Grace M. Lawson, Welsh, Louisiana.

Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities — Miss Emma Kuntz, New Orleans, Louisiana.

District Wesleyan Service Guild Secretaries:

Alexandria District ..... Mrs. Neva Rye, Alexandria, La.

Baton Rouge District ..... Miss Lillian Kennedy, Baton Rouge, La.

Lafayette District ..... Miss Marilyn Carter, New Iberia, La.

Lake Charles District ..... Mrs. E. B. Sweeney, Lake Charles, La.

Monroe District ..... Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Bastrop, La.

New Orleans District ..... Miss Margaret McGowan, New Orleans, La.

Ruston District ..... Miss Sue Batton, Minden, La.

Shreveport District ..... Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport, La.

**Members from Woman's Society of Christian Service:**

Conference President (ex-officio member) ..... Mrs. C. I. Jones,  
New Orleans, La.

Conference Treasurer ..... Mrs. J. H. McSween, Alexandria, La.

Conference Secretary of Promotion ..... Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Shreve-  
port, La.

**Elected Members:**

Mrs. Cleo Barnwell, Secretary of Status of Women, Shreveport, La.

Mrs. George E. Powell, Secretary of Supply, Alexandria, La.

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary of Literature and Publications, Ho-  
mer, La.

Publicity Chairman and Editor of the Guild Times ..... Miss Dorothy  
Dunbar, P. O. Box 281, Opelousas, La.

**WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD  
THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

**MARCH 27-28, 1954**

The Third Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, in cooperation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service Annual Meeting, was convened by the Conference Secretary, Mrs. Minza Rabun, in the Cotillion Room of the Jung Hotel in New Orleans, at 2:00 p.m., on March 27, 1954.

Miss Ruth Harris, a returned missionary from McTyeire School, Shanghai, China, sang "Let Us Rejoice," composed by one of her friends in China, and also, "The Mystery" composed by Rev. F. Olin Stockwell, who was a prisoner of the Communists in West China on two different occasions. Miss Harris was accompanied by Miss Vela Cleveland.

The opening meditation, "Joyous Living Today, Our Key to Tomorrow", was given by Miss Mary Gladys Page, Spiritual Life Secretary of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

The following committees were named:

Courtesies: Miss Helen Adams, Chairman; Mrs. T. D. Guthrie and Mrs. Neva Ray.

Communications: Miss Joanne Hale, Chairman; Mrs. F. G. Phillips, and Miss Mat Powell.

Recommendations: Miss Lillian Kennedy, Chairman; Miss Margaret McGowan, and Miss Emma Kuntz.

A report from the Research Committee was given by Miss Grace Lawson, Chairman, the following ballot was presented: Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary; Miss Helen Adams, Spiritual Life, and Mrs. George E. Powell and Mrs. Wideman Watson, Members at Large from the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Report of the Research Committee was accepted and nominations from the floor were asked for. There being none, Mrs. Laskey made a motion that the officers be elected by acclamation, seconded and passed. Mrs. Rabun then declared the officers duly elected. Miss Helen Adams was introduced to the Conference to succeed Miss Mary Gladys Page, who had resigned since she had moved out of the Louisiana Conference.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, the newly elected President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, was introduced, and expressed appreciation for our vote of confidence, and offered eager and willing assistance in guiding the destiny of the Woman's work in the Louisiana Conference. Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary of Promotion; Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, and Miss Maria Soto of the Woman's Society were introduced. The Secretaries of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild were introduced as follows: Mrs. Neva Rye, Alexandria District; Miss Lillian Kennedy, Baton Rouge District; Miss Helen Adams, Lake Charles District; Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Monroe District; Miss Margaret McGowan, New Orleans District; Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Shreve-



port District; Miss Emma Kuntz, Conference Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; Miss Grace Lawson, Conference Missionary Education, and Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Publicity Chairman and Editor of Guild Times. Miss Mary Gladys Page, Conference Spiritual Life was introduced earlier. Regrets were sent to the following absent members of the Executive body, Mrs. Mildred Baxter, Ruston District; Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Conference Treasurer; Mrs. Julia Paxton, Conference Spiritual Life Secretary. Miss Edith Sigbornsen made an announcement about transportation and told the time of departure of the buses to the various meetings. An incomplete report on Registration was given showing 120 registered delegates, 158 registered for the dinner Saturday night, and 135 registered for the breakfast Sunday.

Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary, gave a most inspiring message, "Widening Horizons." One of her main points was that the Gospel has resources to help us meet all the needs we face, the churches are growing, however, we need to recruit many workers both for local church, district, state and jurisdiction. We must have more funds and our faith must be shared. Our greatest need is for young people to help meet the pressing need for missionaries, deaconesses and full-time Christian workers.

The address of the afternoon was made by Mrs. Glen E. Laskey, beloved President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, "Jewels of Tomorrow." She spoke of the WSCS Conference that was in commemoration of seventy-five years of work in Louisiana, also, of how many things had changed for women in those years, yet the pioneer women had many things on their minds and hearts. Out of the 19 million women employed today, over 8 million are over 40 years of age. We were reminded of the purchasing power, the voting power, and that many women in industry were managers; however we need to be alert to the laws that discriminate against women. What are we going to do with this potent power? The women of the World are looking to us. She remarked that our Guilds had increased since 1948 from 38 units to 86; pledges from \$1385 to over \$10,000, but in 1941 we had 642 members and in 1953 only 1855. Our membership growth is not commensurate with the other. She challenged us to greater things. With the wonderful heritage of the past we can go forward. Although missionary personnel is our No. 1 problem, there are many other things we can and must do. There is always a need for expansion and growth. Another thing she urged us to do was to read our papers and magazines and "sift the facts" about the United Nations. Many groups are subtle in their propaganda against the United Nations. We should be concerned about these groups that seek to mold all of us to one pattern and strict conformity. They would thrust it upon us but must not let the world around us squeeze us into this mold. Let us have a willingness to give ourselves wholly to the things in which Christ would guide us. We are living in a challenging age; how we meet it and how the world is improved depends upon you and me.

Mrs. C. I. Jones shared with us the knowledge that Miss Martha Coldwell, a Guild Member from First Church, West Monroe, had been accepted for full time Christian Service as she wants to become a Deaconess. Her mother was presented to the group and told us that it was at Guild Week End, at Camp Brewer last summer that Martha made her decision.

The Afternoon session was closed with the singing of the Doxology.

At 4:15 p.m. the hostess Guilds entertained the officers, delegates and visitors with a beautiful tea at the Woman's Christian Exchange Building, 818 St. Louis Street. This was a lovely affair, and despite the rain which necessitated the closing of the Patio, was enjoyed by everyone. Miss Margaret McGowan and her committees provided many souvenirs of pralines, perfume and nosegays for the guests. Truly New Orleanians are the perfect hostesses.



### **Saturday Evening**

At 6:45 p.m. the delegates went by buses to the Felicity Methodist Church, 1818 Chestnut Street, the oldest Methodist Church on its original site in New Orleans where the ladies of the WSCS had prepared a lovely turkey dinner honoring Miss Ruth Harris and Mrs. Maggie Bergeron, our guest speakers. Rayne Guild had provided the table decorations of beautiful spring flowers and the banquet room was most attractive. Rev. Virgil Morris asked the blessing and Robert Wall, (son of one of the Guild members) representing Mayor Morrison, gave a speech of welcome and presented Mrs. Minza Rabun, and the honor guests, Miss Ruth Harris, Mrs. Maggie Bergeron and Miss Gladys Page with key pins and certificates making them Honorary Citizens of New Orleans. Other guests were introduced in a most unique manner by various presidents of the local Guilds, and special music was rendered.

### **Saturday Evening Meeting**

At 8:15 p.m. the group adjourned to the Sanctuary. Following the organ prelude, the evening session opened with the congregation singing the hymn, "Heralds of Christ," led by Miss Vela Cleveland.

The opening prayer was given by Mrs. Minza Rabun. She then introduced Miss Ruth Harris, returned missionary from Communist China, who is now doing special work in the Department of Christian Social Relations in the New York office of the Woman's Division. She spoke of the needs and progress of the Health and Nursing program in India (where the Guilds have a Special Interest). Miss Harris brought much first hand information about the various agencies of the UN that are helping through UNICEF, WHO, UNESCO, etc. She concluded by telling us in her enthusiastic manner that we needed to study, "Dig In"—talk about it, use our efforts to get more appropriations for the UN organizations and to help with our gifts and our prayers. Her closing quotation was, "May God deny you the peace but give you the glory."

Our beloved Elizabeth Thompson, Louisiana Rural Worker, and Special Interest of the Guilds, was introduced by Mrs. Rabun, and after making a few remarks to the conference introduced Mrs. Maggie Bergeron, her co-worker and close friend in the Louisiana Rural Work along the Bayous. Mrs. Bergeron gave many thrilling and exciting experiences she had had through her Adult Education Program. Teaching the women to read and write and at the same time showing them a better way of life through the teaching of Jesus. Her concluding remarks were "Our dreams of developing a better leadership in the Bayou country is becoming a reality."

Miss Vela Cleveland, a medical student who is studying and preparing for full-time Christian service, brought the closing meditation, challenging us to take a personal inventory of self. After which a love offering was taken for the Two Special Interests for Supply. This offering amounted to \$305.86. Miss Lillian Kennedy, Secretary Baton Rouge District, gave the closing Benediction.

### **Sunday, March 28, 1954**

Sunday morning at 7:15 a.m. in the Green Room of the Jung Hotel the conference enjoyed a lovely breakfast; which was emphasized by absolute quietness, this was explicitly observed by the entire assemblage. After we were served, a most impressive worship service was conducted by Mrs. Ruth Van Fleet, assisted by members of the Canal Church Guild and Miss Katie Cook. The topic was "Beyond Calvary." A pre-Easter Service written by Mrs. Guy Hicks, First Church, Shreveport, but rearranged somewhat to apply to Wesleyan Service Guild work. This was a very meaningful service and the group was deeply moved throughout the entire presentation. This group deserved much commendation for a job well done.

### **Morning Session**

At 8:45 a.m. the group transferred by buses to the First Methodist Church, St. Charles Avenue, where the morning session was held.

This session was opened with the singing of the hymn, "God of

Grace and God of Glory," with Miss Vela Cleveland at the piano, the invocation was given by Dr. M. H. Melbert, pastor First Church, and also introduced the speaker of the morning, Rev. Norman Holmes, Director of Religion at Dilliard University, New Orleans. His topic was "Let Us Claim Tomorrow"—text, "Ye are the salt of the earth"—he brought out the fact that "contemporary man often misses the many ways of claiming tomorrow." One way man misses this is through Communism. Neither is capitalism or pure materialism adequate to secure tomorrow. Neither is democracy an adequate way. He said that the American way of life had done much for us and we appreciated it. But, he said it had failed and is failing in the field of Christian ethics. Since both of these are failures in claiming tomorrow we turn to the Christian way of life. The Christian way teaches and shows man's real worth. It urges us to have faith in the word of God. In the light and teachings of Jesus we have the way of reconstruction. Christians should remember that salt and light must be useful. Let all the light we have shine. Christian Brotherhood must prevail in all walks of life until we have one great fellowship of love throughout the world. Quoted "Look well to this day," etc. as conclusion.

Mrs. Rabun introduced the wife of Rev. Holmes, and Mrs. Eola Lyons Baker, who is superintendent of Nurses at Flint Goodridge Hospital. She told of her work both in the hospital and as a Guild member and worker, at Grace Methodist Church, New Orleans. She had the privilege of sitting in on the School of Nurse Anesthetists groups of the United States—the first time a Negro was ever accorded this opportunity.

A solo, "Sunrise Tomorrow" was beautifully rendered by Mr. Wagner, a member of the choir at First Church.

A business meeting followed at which time the report on Ways and Means was given. This showed a total of 161 registered for the entire conference; 152 for the supper meeting, and 112 for the breakfast.

Miss Helen Adams read the report of the Courtesies Committee:

#### **Report of Committee on Courtesy**

The Committee on Courtesy wishes to submit the following report on behalf of the visiting Wesleyan Service Guild Members, to this Third Annual Louisiana Conference.

We have been delightfully entertained and wish to express our gratitude to those who have contributed in making this Conference a most pleasant, inspiring and memorable occasion. Therefore, we extend our thanks and appreciation to the following individuals and groups:

To the Rev. Virgil Morris, District Superintendent, and the Ministers of the Methodist Churches in New Orleans for their assistance and leadership.

To Miss Margaret McGowan, New Orleans District Secretary, and Miss Emma Kuntz, who served so capably as chairman and co-chairman of the hostess Wesleyan Service Guild group, and through their efforts have made our stay pleasant, profitable and enjoyable.

To the presidents and other members of the hostess Wesleyan Service Guilds of New Orleans Methodist Churches for the friendly, wholesome atmosphere which has prevailed during these two days.

To the various committees, who have so thoroughly planned and so efficiently executed the numerous activities of the Conference, including the Committees on registration, transportation, decoration, publicity, programs, the inspiring music, the preparation and serving of the well-prepared meals and the planning of the lovely tea at the Christian Women's Exchange.

To the Mayor of the City of New Orleans for his special welcome to the City of New Orleans which was so capably delivered by Mr. Robert Wall.

To Mrs. Glen E. Laskey, and Mrs. C. I. Jones and other members

of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for their presence and participation in the Conference program.

To the committee responsible for making available to the Wesleyan Service Guild members literature displayed during the Conference.

To Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary, who has given of her time, talents and energy in planning the Conference program and working out the intricate details.

To Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Conference Publicity Chairman, who so thoroughly disseminated information throughout the Louisiana Conference by means of news-release bulletins.

To Miss Mary Gladys Page, former Conference Secretary and presently serving as Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life, who so lovingly brought our opening meditation, setting the atmosphere for the entire Conference. We shall miss her, but we know where ever she goes she will witness for her Master, and capably and efficiently serve the Wesleyan Service Guild.

And to the speakers who have brought us the inspiring and challenging messages.

Respectfully submitted:

Miss Helen Adams, Chairman

Mrs. Neva Rye

Mrs. Ruth Guthrie

Miss Dorothy Dunbar presented "Guild Times," and gave the members of the conference an opportunity to subscribe. This is a fine instrument for promotion of all phases of the Guild work, and needs our support.

Mrs. Rabun made an announcement for Dr. W. Earl Hotalen with reference to the addition of a new staff member, Mr. Charles Flurry, Director of Youth Work for a 5-year period, in cooperation with the Louisiana Civic and Moral Foundation, and who will begin work August 1. Mrs. Goldthwait reminded the group that many of the Guilds had forgotten to meet their pledge to this great work; we have paid in less than 10c per member and the pledge was 25c per member. The Baton Rouge Guild had given \$30.00 over their pledge as an outgrowth from the study, "Alcohol a Christian's Responsibility." It must be sent through the Conference Treasurer for us to receive credit.

The Lake Charles District invited the Conference to meet with them next spring, this invitation was accepted.

Last evening Mrs. Opal Looby read a lovely letter from Miss Eunice LaRue, a missionary in India, and one of our own girls, and at the suggestion of Miss Margaret McGowan paper was passed around and the members wrote individual messages to her. This was to be mailed by Miss McGowan.

We were reminded of our Literature and Book room and also of the story of Mrs. Maggie Bergeron in the current Methodist Woman. (Film was made of the work in the Bayou Country.) Count was made on attendance, Alexandria 16, Baton Rouge 17, Lake Charles 8, Monroe 8, New Orleans 97, Shreveport 11, Ruston 1, and three visitors. An offering for the Retired Missionaries and Deaconesses to be sent to Assembly at Milwaukee in May was taken, amounting to \$77.00. Miss Maria Soto introduced her guest, Mrs. Wynn, widow of a former minister in New Orleans, who expressed her appreciation to the conference despite her 81 years.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Miss Margaret McGowan and her committees for their untiring efforts in making the conference a success. Our prayer of Benediction was led by Mrs. Neva Rye, Secretary Alexandria District, after which Mrs. Rabun declared the Third Annual Conference adjourned.

The New Orleans Guilds were hostesses at a buffet luncheon served in the Game Room of the First Church after the delegates had worshipped with Dr. N. H. Melbert. Again the people of New Orleans proved their wonderful hospitality with the bountiful meal they served, and



the friendliness and good feeling of Christian fellowship that prevailed. Goodbyes were reluctantly said, everyone knowing that they needed to get home and back to the jobs awaiting them, but feeling confident that they could do a better job for having attended conference.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Willie Ray Jones, Acting Recording Secretary

## **MEASURING CHART FOR CHECKING ACHIEVEMENT OF GOALS**

### **1 SPIRITUAL GROWTH:**

- 1 Do you have an active Spiritual Life Committee?
- 2 Has every woman been given an opportunity for enrollment in the Fellowship of Intercession?
- 3 Has Stewardship been stressed?
- 4 Has your Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild observed the Week of Prayer?

### **2 WIDENING FELLOWSHIP:**

- 1 Has there been an increase in membership this year?
- 2 Has there been an increase in subscriptions to the Methodist Woman and the World Outlook?
- 3 Has there been Leadership Training, including Officers' Training Day?
- 4 Are you using the new members in active participation in the study and service program of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild?
- 5 Have you made a sympathetic study of the causes of non-membership and lapsed membership in the Society and Guild followed by constructive action?
- 6 Have you made a wider and more effective use of press, publicity and public relations?

### **3 WORLD CHURCH:**

- 1 Have the vows of the church been interpreted to the women of the church?
- 2 Has there been an active expression of concern for and fellowship with all individuals and groups in your community?
- 3 Have the women of your church been given an opportunity to become familiar with the outreach and program of the World Church?
- 4 Has there been increased cooperation in Interdenominational activities this year?
- 5 Has the World Federation of Methodist Women been presented frequently?

### **4 PEACE:**

- 1 Has the Christian Social Relations Committee presented materials on Ueace, United Nations and its Agencies, and World Economics and Social needs?
- 2 Has the Charter of Racial Policies of the Woman's Division been accepted as given in the April issue of the Methodist Woman?

### **5 MISSIONS:**

- 1 Have all the approved studies been held or have you had one more study than you had last year?
- 2 Do you use the approved monthly worship and program books for the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild?
- 3 Has the opportunity for Christian Vocations been presented to the Wesleyan Service Guild, Student and Youth Groups?
- 4 Has there been an increase in Missionary giving which, after prayer, has been set to meet the needs of the World?



# WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD DISTRICT SECRETARIES AND PRESIDENTS

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Alexandria: First Church	Secretary: Mrs. Neva Rye, 712 Twenty-first St., Alexandria, La.
Trinity Church	Mrs. Lucille Eason
Bunkie	Miss Gussie Nugent
Colfax	Mrs. E. L. Griffin
Jena	Mrs. Lucy Mae Hargis
Montgomery	Mrs. Addie Doughty
Natchitoches	Mrs. E. C. Erwin
Oakdale	Mrs. J. D. (Andra) Smith
Pineville	Mrs. D. P. Kennedy
Winnfield	Mrs. Mary Givens
	Miss Lucille Gardiner
	c/o Juanita Beauty Salon, N. Beville, Winnfield, Louisiana

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Amite	Secretary: Miss Lillian Kennedy, 5545 Jackson Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Baton Rouge: First Church	Mrs. S. M. (Myrtle) Kilpatrick
Ingleside	Miss Gertrude Fridge
Istrouma	Mrs. F. J. Rowe
N. Baton Rouge	Mrs. Verdice Matheney
University	Mrs. H. R. (Dot) Johnson
Winbourne	Mrs. S. L. Roper
Bogalusa	Mrs. Charles L. Buckles
Franklinton	Mrs. Audrey M. Smith
Hammond	Mrs. Neva Foll
Kentwood	Mrs. Lionel (Vesta) Rownd
Ponchatoula	Mrs. John Hutchinson
	Mrs. Edna Wattigney
	526 Avenue E, Bogalusa, Louisiana
	Franklinton, Louisiana
	410 E. Charles St., Hammond, Louisiana
	Kentwood, Louisiana
	Ponchatoula, Louisiana

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Abbeville	Secretary: Miss Marilynn Carter, P. O. Box 150, New Iberia, Louisiana
Franklin	Mrs. Olga Golden
New Iberia	Mrs. Spencer Todd
	Miss Marilynn Carter
	P. O. Box 115, Franklin, Louisiana
	P. O. Box 150, New Iberia, Louisiana

Opelousas ..... Mrs. Hazel Golson ..... 2070 Edwards Street, Opelousas, Louisiana  
 Rayne ..... Mrs. John Pecot ..... Rayne, Louisiana

### LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Secretary: Mrs. E. D. Sweeney, 3523 Louisiana Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana

DeQuincy ..... Mrs. John Craner ..... DeQuincy, Louisiana  
 DeRidder: Maye Youngblood Unit ..... Miss George Rose Ferguson ..... DeRidder, Louisiana  
                   Susie Jones Unit ..... Mrs. Dorothy Holoway ..... P. O. Box 467, DeRidder, Louisiana  
 Gueydan ..... Mrs. J. J. Matt ..... P. O. Box 195, Gueydan, Louisiana  
 Jennings ..... Mrs. Hester Vaught ..... 1309 N. Sherman St., Jennings, Louisiana  
 Lake Arthur ..... Mrs. Gordon Mack ..... Lake Arthur, Louisiana  
 Lake Charles: First ..... Mrs. B. B. (Elsie) Rowland ..... P. O. Box 686, Lake Charles, Louisiana  
                   Simpson ..... Mrs. Millard Hebert ..... 224 W. College St., Lake Charles, La.  
                   University ..... Mrs. P. E. Gibson ..... 2507 Elm St., Lake Charles, Louisiana  
 Leesville ..... Miss Laura Lynch ..... North Street, Leesville, Louisiana  
 Sulphur ..... Mrs. Robert Norman ..... 215 W. Elizabeth St., Sulphur, Louisiana  
 Vinton ..... Mrs. Dot Hanno ..... Vinton, Louisiana  
 Welsh ..... Miss Grace M. Lawson ..... P. O. Box 241, Welsh, Louisiana

### MONROE DISTRICT

Secretary: Mrs. T. D. (Ruth) Guthrie, 725 Van Avenue, Bastrop, Louisiana

Bastrop ..... Miss Nan Floyd ..... 410 Odom Street, Bastrop, Louisiana  
 Columbia ..... Mrs. Billie Gartman ..... Columbia, Louisiana  
 Lake Providence ..... Mrs. Jessie J. Muirhead ..... Lake Providence, Louisiana  
 Mer Rouge ..... Miss Elma Carter ..... Mer Rouge, Louisiana  
 Monroe: First Church ..... Mrs. Agnes Miller ..... 1601 Jackson Street, Monroe, Louisiana  
                   Memorial ..... Miss Carolyn Oliver ..... 1702 Spencer Street, Monroe, Louisiana  
 Oak Grove ..... Mrs. W. C. (Tera) Calhoun ..... Oak Grove, Louisiana  
 Rayville ..... Miss Carrie Hatch ..... 804 Julia Street, Rayville, Louisiana  
 Sterlington ..... Mrs. W. A. Pate ..... Sterlington, Louisiana  
 Tallulah ..... Mrs. Betty Helton ..... Tallulah, Louisiana  
 West Monroe ..... Mrs. Ouida Oxford ..... 2809 N. Seventh St., West Monroe, La.  
 Winnsboro ..... Mrs. Nell Windham ..... Winnsboro, Louisiana

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Secretary: Miss Margaret McGowan, 4463 Music Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

Covington	Mrs. Anna Howes	1408 22nd Avenue, Covington, Louisiana
New Orleans: Canal	Mrs. Anna Mae Eady	318 N. Olympia St., New Orleans, La.
Carrollton	Mrs. Grace Reidnauer	3433 Oak Street, New Orleans, Louisiana
First Church	Miss Edith Sigbordsen	1710 S. Carrollton Ave., New Orleans, La.
Gentilly	Mrs. Roberta Rose	5139 Baccich St., New Orleans, Louisiana
Munholland	Mrs. K. E. Dike	305 Woodvine Ave., New Orleans 20, La.
Parker Memorial	Mrs. Roy (Norma) Atkins	1006 Arabella St., New Orleans, Louisiana
Rayne Memorial	Miss Evelyn L. Carr	1301 Napoleon Ave, Apt. E., New Orleans
St. Luke's	Mrs. E. J. Mullet	6507 Vicksburg St., New Orleans, La.
St. Mark's	Miss Joanne Hale	1139 Bourbon St., New Orleans, Louisiana

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Secretary: Miss Sue Batton, 300 North Broadway, Minden, Louisiana

Arcadia	Miss Merry Dean Patterson	Arcadia, Louisiana
Farmerville	Mrs. Mildred Baxter	P. O. Box 82, Farmerville, Louisiana
Haynesville	Mrs. Clovis Braselton	211 Marietta St., Haynesville, Louisiana
Homer	Mrs. H. I. Barber	Homer, Louisiana
Jonesboro	Mrs. J. E. Hearne	318 S. Polk Ave., Jonesboro, Louisiana
Minden	Mrs. Jeanette Bostick	719 Buchanan St., Minden, Louisiana
Ruston: Trinity—Unit 1	Miss Laura Mae McCullin	401 S. Bonner St., Ruston, Louisiana
Trinity—Virginia Laskey Unit	Miss Pauline Cassel	633 W. Mississippi Ave., Ruston, La.
Springhill	Mrs. Wesley E. Young	P. O. Box 1245, Springhill, Louisiana

# SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Secretary: Miss Arline Tyler, 2407 Gilbert Street, Shreveport, Louisiana

Benton	.....Mrs. Jo Hall Johnson	.....Benton, Louisiana
Coushatta	.....Mrs. Maude C. Stothart	.....P. O. Box 402, Coushatta, Louisiana
Haughton	.....Mrs. W. S. Swindle	.....Haughton, Louisiana
Logansport	.....Mrs. H. C. Price	.....Logansport, Louisiana
Mansfield	.....Mrs. Frances Hamilton	.....209 Kings Highway, Mansfield, Louisiana
Many	.....Mrs. Charles Williams	.....Many, Louisiana
Plain Dealing	.....Mrs. F. G. (Ruby) Phillips	.....P. O. Box 398, Plain Dealing, Louisiana
Shreveport: Broadmoor	.....Miss Gwendolyn Post	.....3436 Johnette St., Shreveport, Louisiana
First Church—Unit 1	.....Miss Hetty P. Ecker	.....656 Kirby Place, Shreveport, Louisiana
First Church—Unit 2	.....Miss Mary Foster Peyton	.....545 Vine Street, Shreveport, Louisiana
Mangum Memorial—Unit 1	.....Mrs. R. L. (Bettie) Hill	.....2722 W. College St., Shreveport, Louisiana
Mangum Memorial—Unit 2	.....Mrs. Lily M. Carter	.....2729 Stonewall Ave., Shreveport, Louisiana
Mangum Memorial—Unit 3	.....Mrs. Dollie Brown	.....2027 Elizabeth St., Shreveport, Louisiana
Morningside	.....Mrs. Mary Guidry	.....2721 Morningside St., Shreveport, La.
Noel Memorial	.....Miss Martha Nicholson	.....419 Egan Street, Shreveport, Louisiana
Park Avenue	.....Miss Virginia Rector	.....3531 Portland Ave., Shreveport, Louisiana
Summer Grove	.....Mrs. Ila Volentine	.....Rt. 2, Box 338-G, Shreveport, Louisiana
Wynn Methodist	.....Mrs. C. A. Farrar	.....2273 Drexel St., Shreveport, Louisiana



# Index

	Page No.
Calendar .....	8
Conference Program, Woman's Society .....	17
Conference Program, Wesleyan Service Guild .....	20
Department of Law .....	82
Historical Data .....	13
 Institutions and Rural Reports:	
Business Girls' Inn .....	76
Dulac Indian Mission .....	78
MacDonell Methodist Center .....	77
People's Community Center .....	80
Sager Brown Home-Godman School .....	81
St. Mark's Community Center .....	79
Louisiana Conference Deaconess and Workers .....	6
Missionaries Supported by Louisiana Conference .....	7
Journal, Conference Session W. S. C. S. ....	29
Journal, Conference Session, W. S. G. ....	102
 Officers:	
Woman's Division .....	4
South Central Jurisdiction .....	5
Louisiana Conference W. S. C. S. ....	6
District W. S. C. S. ....	10
District W. S. G. ....	109
Local Presidents .....	88
President's Message .....	40
 Recommendations:	
Christian Social Relations .....	58
Children's Work .....	63
Finance Committee .....	46
Literature and Publications .....	64
Missionary Education and Service .....	56
Missionary Personnel .....	71
Promotion .....	49
Spiritual Life Cultivation .....	69
Student Work .....	61
Status of Women .....	70
Supply Work .....	65
Vice-President .....	45
Wesleyan Service Guild .....	60
Youth Work .....	62
 Report of Officers and Secretaries:	
President .....	44
Vice-President .....	45
Treasurer .....	47
Promotion .....	49
Missionary Education and Service .....	56
Christian Social Relations .....	58
Wesleyan Service Guild .....	59
Student Work .....	61
Youth Work .....	62
Children's Work .....	62
Literature and Publications .....	64
Supply Work .....	65
Spiritual Life Cultivation .....	69
Status of Women .....	71
Missionary Personnel .....	71
Standing Committees .....	7